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TRAGEDY in DC, 6/06



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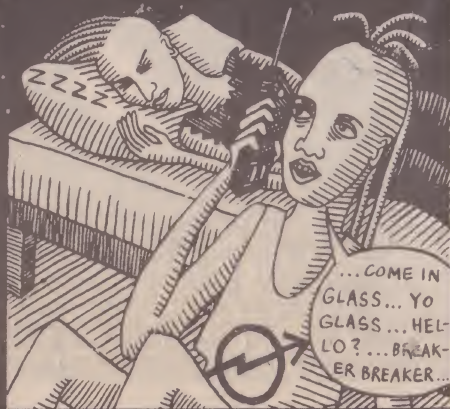
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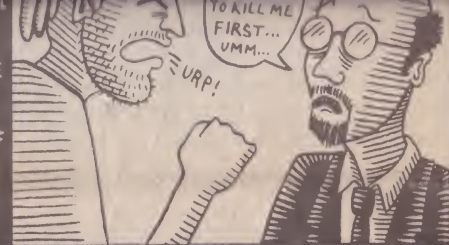
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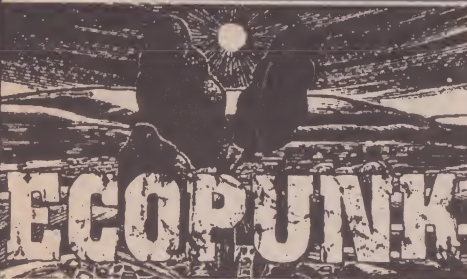
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The planet Saturn takes exactly 29.5 years to return to the same point it was the moment you were born. Astronomically speaking, this is simply the amount of time it takes Saturn to swing around its elliptical orbit before making another valiant go of it. The entire concept can be drawn out in logarithmic tables and charted out to within twelve decimals of exactness. Astrologically speaking, the Saturn Return is a sort of metaphysical puberty, that is, the point at which someone's been around long enough to be completely called an adult. Theorist of Deep Woo, with names like Skye and Merlin and Ram have written exhaustive treatises explaining how the moments between the ages of 28 and 30 will be the period during which a person undergoes the most rapid succession of changes of their life. Relationships are ruined, jobs are left, educations are resurrected, entire lifestyles and attitudes are set ablaze... the cacophony of change is as rapid as it is powerful. According to these new age Noam Chomskys, the Saturn Return is as inevitable as it is inescapable.

So here I am sitting at a river mouth five days South of the Tropic of Cancer wondering why my Saturn hasn't returned. Maybe it got lost on the way? Maybe it stopped for whiskey on the way and lost track of time? Maybe it got pulled over by the cops for having a broken taillight and when they ran its ID, an old warrant popped up? Maybe my poor dear Saturn Return is rotting in some jail somewhere eating baloney sandwiches and lamenting the fact that the massive changes it had planned for my life are all sitting in a manila envelope behind the booking counter?

In any event, it either hasn't arrived or if it did, I inadvertently put it on backwards, 'cuz damn, as I look back at my life, I'm more like a 15 year old now than when I was 15. It's entirely possible that not only am I not getting more mature and wise, I'm actually getting younger and more naive. The other night, as I turned 30 with a flask of Jameson in my mitt and a stack of new nature guides on my knees, I had the sudden revelation that aside from gaining 6 pounds and losing most of my hair, nothing has really changed in my life. When I was 15, all I wanted to do was surf, go to punk shows and travel. And of course forment revolutionary war in the US. I lived out of vans, read books by dead European anarchists, listened to the Subhumans and surfed my brains out in the most amazing places in North America. Now, on my 30th birthday, I'm living out of an old truck on one of the best point breaks in the world. I listened to The Day the Country Died twice and am wishing like hell me and KK and Jefe and Burke-O and Erik and TT and the crew could be out watching Poison Idea play with the Cro Mags and the Dog Faced Hermans at the Old X Ray cafe on Burnside. I just finished Jeanette Winterson's LIGHTHOUSE KEEPING and am fully ready to dust off the torches and the pitchforks and follow that brilliant woman into insurgency.

Sure, being 15 or it's middle aged equivalent, isn't all shits and giggles. The world baffles me more right now as it did back then. Even with 15 more years, hundreds of books, and hundreds of thousands of miles under my belt, I still don't understand the world. I don't understand how people can believe that a big grey haired Zeus looking motherfucker created the world in six days, just as I don't understand how scientists can cling to the big bang theory, which is fraught with as much creationist bullshit as anything ever dreamt up by Jerry Falwell. I don't understand how otherwise sweet, smart people can vote for anti-gay initiatives or join the military. The wide variety of humans I've met and things I've seen have anything but clarified matters.

A few days after my birthday and boom, here I am in Southern Mexico under a tin roof in a crumbling mechanics shop. The booster pump on my clutch went out and I'm here for the closest thing to religious ecstasy I know, watching Mexican mechanics work miracles with hopelessly ruined pieces of greasy plastic. I'm holding the flask of baloney warm Jamesons while Jose and Javier cut and paste and engineer a replacement pump from scraps. The dead old Irish whiskey has lubricated our tongues and we're chatting about life, love, regret and our respective lives. As it turns out, we're all within a few months of our 30th birthdays. Jose got married and is trying to start his own business repairing brakes on semi-trucks. Javier just broke up with his girlfriend and is going to run a few kilos of coke up to college kids in Monterrey to pay for his passage to New Jersey. We talk about business and travels and I try and sing a very sloppily translated version of Born To Run before they turn the question on me. How is my life different now that I'm 30? I unload everything I told you about my missing Saturn Return and they both stop working and look at me with more than a little bit of intensity. Jose leans in and says, "Y Que?"

I say "Y que I'm supposed to have a fucking clue about my life and the world and shit. At least that's what all the new agers tell me..."

Jose steps back and says, "Are you happy? Do you want to be doing anything else?"

I get a bit miffed, take another swallow of whiskey and say, "Yeah. I'm happy as fuck. Give me good friends, good places and good hardcore shows and I'll be the

further evidence that aside from Jeanette Winterson, Mexican mechanics are the closest things to divinity we got.

So now I'm clacking down the carretera with 7 Seconds blasting and wondering if my Saturn Return is missing or if I just outran it. Or, at the very least, if it's possible to stay young until one dies...

-mike/chinookdefirstyaho.com



Brice and I used to talk about how we were going to go underground for animal liberation. I was reading books about activists who were liberating monkeys and sabotaging factory farms, and Brice was reading Edward Abbey's book about billboard improvement. We would stay up late, baking everything cookies, hatching our plans. No tell-tale tattoos, no getting caught, no compromise. I pictured the underground as a highly elaborate series of tunnels under the cities, full of action, fire lit walls, and exciting people. I wanted to be there; I just couldn't figure out how. How far would we have to go to achieve the goal? It seemed completely possible. But then once we had to go underground, where was the entrance? Was there a secret password?

One night we decided to start taking action. We wanted to be sneaky and quick, and rehearsed our plan over and over. We were going to wear latex gloves each step of the way, to leave no trace at all. And we would bury any remaining hints of our actions in his backyard, in the dead of night, two feet below. We lived in a rural area, where the nearest store was several miles away, and we drove around for a while trying to find a target. We decided the McDonalds billboard on the main road needed a major overhaul. We waited anxiously until two in the morning, found some red housepaint from his garage and meticulously used a funnel to pour it into small balloons. We got in my car and got to the billboard, and hurled the paint balls. Several misses, until one streak of paint slowly ran down the length of the message like a bloody nose. We raced away, fearful of what would happen if we were caught. We got back to his place, dug a deep hole and buried all evidence of our deed.

A week later we were back, with spray paint and a little more confidence. We had to climb the back of the billboard, every ounce of our flesh vibrating in anxiety for fear of being discovered. We scrawled Meat is Murder in large letters across the entire length of the cheeseburger which smiled so ominously above us. On the way back to our car, a person passed us on the road and we slammed our bodies flat onto the ground, afraid they were a cop or an overly concerned citizen. Within twenty four hours, the message was painted over, and thus began our fight for the billboard. Each time we got more and more determined, and by the third message, McDonalds got tired of replacing the ad, and we scored a victory.

Eventually we convinced ourselves that animal liberation wasn't the most pressing injustice in the world. Brice and I were living in New Orleans, where the street art game changed. We kept communicating on the street, from wheatpaste posters to spraypaint stencils, usually when we were pissed off about something or celebrating May Day. In the huge city, more people would see the images, and it was also more exhilarating, because there was realistically greater fear of getting caught. Everytime I saw someone pass by us on a cell phone, I was convinced they were calling the police. We watched the movie Underground, a documentary about the Weathermen, which gave us a more realistic view of the above ground underground that actually exists. I decided to get

rid of my attitude towards change. "Always choose the unknown and go headlong. Even if you suffer, it is worth it. You always come out of it more grown up, more mature, more intelligent." I think it applies to big things like physically uprooting your life or choosing to go to school, and less tangible things like really opening yourself up in a relationship or doing a lot of soul-searching.

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By, Carolyn

Normally I have a relatively clear idea of what I want to write my column about before I sit down to write. This time I don't. It's probably a symptom of my life still being in a greater state of flux than normal. In the last seven months, I left and divorced my husband, left my job for a new one and moved from six years of relative isolation in the Colorado mountains to the city of Minneapolis. I was terrified to leave the mountains, thinking that I would lose a piece of sanity, but Minneapolis' lakes and plentitude of big, old trees are thankfully providing enough nature to keep me sane. While I miss the mountains, I'm really enjoying not having to get in my car almost every day to go to town. I like being able to walk or bike to almost everything that I need. I like feeling more connected to people. I've also been to more shows in the last month than in six months in Colorado, which is a welcome trend.

While I'm happy with my decisions, they weren't easy to make. I had many moments of anxiety and uncertainty when I wondered if I was making the right choices. There were fears and risks on almost every front. For example, while I knew deep down that David was not the person I wanted to be committed to, it was a little scary to leave someone that I knew truly loved and was faithful to me, met a decent amount of my needs and enjoyed being around (at least most of the time). While I'm comfortable being alone, spending the rest of my life without someone to love is not something I would wish for. Some of my single friends thought I was a little crazy and was giving up too easily, but I had to finally listen to the clear messages from my heart, gut and dreams and simply trust that I knew what was right for me. There was also no guarantee that I would like living in Minneapolis. Visiting a place, even for extended periods of time, and living there can often be really different.

I feed on challenges, complications, and walking into the unknown. I need passion, learning, action. I echo a character in one of my favorite novels (Jane Eyre), "This vain to say humans ought to be satisfied with tranquility, they must have action; and they will make it if they cannot find it." One of my favorite spiritual teachers (Osho) nicely summarizes

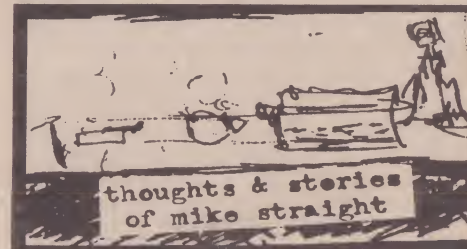
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This was a subtext to a workshop at the infoshop gathering in Baltimore. This isn't the first time I have been to a workshop like this. It isn't the second either and I can't even count how many times I've had conversations on the subject. It is an interesting one and I have heard a number of different views, but there is one common theme that I keep continuing to hear, and it is not one that I wholeheartedly agree with. The attitude wasn't vicious in this workshop, not like other expressions that I have heard, but it was there. It was that if your infoshop became an Anarchist/punk clubhouse, you are doing something wrong.

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In any event, it either hasn't arrived or if it did, I inadvertently put it on backwards. 'cuz damn, as I look back at my life, I'm more like a 15 year old now than when I was 15. It's entirely possible that not only am I not getting more mature and wise, I'm actually getting younger and more naive. The other night, as I turned 30 with a flask of Jameson in my mitt and a stack of new nature guides on my knees, I had the sudden revelation that aside from gaining 6 pounds and losing most of my hair, nothing has really changed in my life. When I was 15, all I wanted to do was surf, go to punk shows and travel. And of course foment revolutionary war in the US. I lived out of vans, read books by dead European anarchists, listened to the Subhumans and surfed my brains out in the most amazing places in North America. Now, on my 30th birthday, I'm living out of an old truck on one of the best point breaks in the world. I listened to The Day the Country Died twice and am wishing like hell me and KK and Jefe and Burke-O and Erik and TT and the crew could be out watching Poison Idea play with the Cro Mags and the Dog Faced Hermans at the Old X Ray cafe on Burnside. I just finished Jeanette Winterson's LIGHTHOUSE KEEPING and am fully ready to dust off the torches and the pitchforks and follow that brilliant woman into insurgency.

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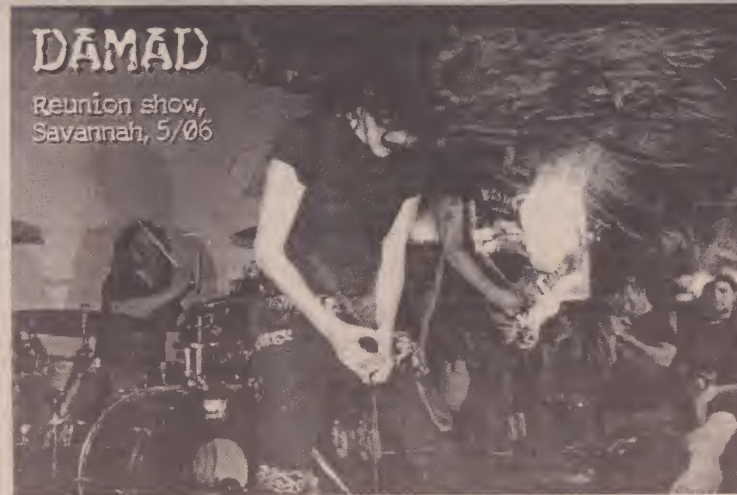
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The outcome of developing of a primarily anarcho/punk space is not one of pure exclusion, as many anarcho/punk have a true desire to reach out to other proletarian groups around them. Through social events, food distribution, and basic hanging out, bonds are made between the punks and "the community". These bonds routinely create social support networks between the different groups and this is when cultural and political beliefs are shared. A good deal of anarchist ideas have been passed on to other groups through their informal and neighborly interaction. I have seen true bonds of social support and respect form between anarchist punks, and the communities behind them, even when the punks didn't hide their freak flag or colors.

This makes me think about what people mean when they talk about "the community". Too often "the community" becomes some blanket statement, for other groups that share the neighborhoods with activists/anarchists/punks. The idea the "the community" is one group is ridiculous, as in every neighborhood there are multiple factions and cultures, all with their own visions and desires. Sometimes it comes a tone of "us" and "them," like all others besides activists/anarchists/punks are a homogenous population just waiting for intervention. This attitude of conversion bothers me. Instead I feel that a sharing of beliefs is a better way of interaction. Maybe people need to "kick it" with others who live in their community - talking about what everyone is about will strengthen ties among people. Sometimes I think some activists suffer from an attitude of self-importance - assuming (or wanting) the world to revolve around them and their cause, instead of looking at what everyone's world would revolve around. There shouldn't ever be a "savior" mentality, and condescending tones shouldn't be spoken. Instead, what really needs to happen is some basic interaction with those around the space that is created. Show people what you are about, not just in the words that you say.

View infoshops for what they are - a place for information about radical thought by a group of individuals who are active within it. If these people are from an anarcho/punk background and identify with this, the infoshop will take on this identity. Infoshops can be seen as hubs of activity of anarchist culture - like how other groups have churches, meeting halls, bars, parks etc. These are gathering places of people who have similar ideas, and provide basic social support. When living in a marginalized culture, with a degree of separation from your birth families, these networks can be of utmost importance. Punk is a culture, and can be a substitute family for many people. Anarcho/punk is truly a worldwide phenomena; I have seen this personally from both my travels and the correspondences I keep. I have gone to many anarchist infoshops, in many different countries, and found a temporary home, and people to relate too. Many times the simple fact that we have the same cultural identification has led to me to people who I would have never crossed paths without this common trait. This is important, and this should not be downplayed or ignored. Mike Straight - 1127s, 51st Street - West Philly, PA. 19143 - USA / straight@defenestrator.org

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agree that the main evil today is an economic one, but they maintain that the solution to that evil can only be brought about through the consideration of every phase of life, — individual as well as the collective; the internal as well as the external.

People must begin to see that individual and social needs are not inherently in conflict with each other. The individual is the heart of society, conserving the essence of social life; society is the lungs which are distributing the element to keep the life essence pure and strong.

People must throw off the religiously based idea that humans are dependent on superior powers. Both religion and the State demand surrender, they demand that mankind must not become conscious of himself.

Religion is the domination of the human mind; property is the domination of human needs; and government is the domination of human conduct.

People tend to get nitpicky about the details of what is meant by "property is theft". This concept was meant as a larger critique of an economically exploitative society, and shouldn't be brought down to the level it is commonly debated - "what if I want to keep my..."

Property owners was used as another word for people who owned the means of production - the bosses and the rulers of the world who gain wealth off the labors of the poor and working classes.

America is boastful of her great power and enormous national wealth, but what is the point of wealth when so many people live without hope or joy, robbed of the power of free initiative, of originality, and when so many people still live in poverty. Real wealth consists in things of utility and beauty, in things that help to create strong, beautiful bodies and surroundings inspiring to life. But if humans are doomed to spend their time in meaningless work, there can be no talk of wealth.

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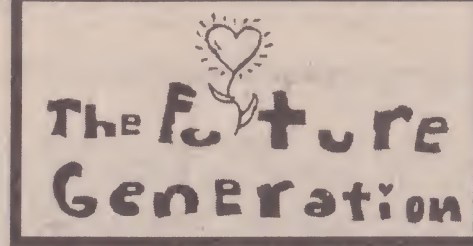
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I read an essay called "Linking Movements, Linking Lives" by Cherry Galette and was amazed by her ability to link issues together as well as by her critique of systemic oppression. In "Don't Leave Your Friends Behind," the workshops on supporting women and children that Vikki Law and I have been giving this summer, one thing I keep saying is that supporting a woman's right to have a child is as important as supporting a woman's right to have an abortion; if one is truly pro-choice, there has to be a choice.

Cherry quotes Loretta Ross "Choices are for people who have them, and lots of people don't." She examines economic privilege and poverty while discussing the common ground between reproduction rights, queer liberation, trans liberation movements. She discusses the struggles of recipients of public benefits, immigrants, female bodied people of color, farm workers, people in recovery from substance abuse, incarcerated individuals, and others. You should check out her essay: <http://ortillas-duras.blogspot.com>

I've been trying to make waves of my own: to address the anarchist community to see the systemic oppression of neglecting the needs of the radical parents, child-care givers, and children in their scene. I feel that most anarchists are eager to embrace community building; they don't want to be just a scene of twenty-somethings in a movement that one grows up and leaves, but part of an ongoing culture of resistance. Yet if you look around, the presence of children and parents is very small; they are often pushed out because they are unsupported.

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again, or back to that powerless place like when you were a child. But I generally help out with children around me because, like James Generic put it "It's the right thing to do". Then afterwards find I actually enjoy and learn from the experience, and create bonds. Its fun, not as hard as you think.

I first went to one of the Mid-Atlantic Radical Bookfair planning meetings to inquire, as a representative of parenting and children's needs, how Kidz Corner was coming along. I told them that childcare is a really important thing, politically speaking. That I understood it was difficult to organize—I myself knew nothing of it and am not the activist organizer type—but that it is as important to plan as these other human needs like food and housing, and they should look into it for next year. This year, at least, it was agreed that we would have a child friendly space, for parents to use, and perhaps spontaneously come up with some mutual aid childcare.

At the second meeting, I told them that I would like to take charge of Kidz Corner; my goal was to enlist childcare for the whole event, I wasn't sure if I could achieve that, but that this would be a start for next year. (They originally said they had wanted to support children's issues, but were too busy, didn't know how to do it, and didn't have anyone to take charge of it.) Talking with the organizers I had realized how adept I was for this task. And I, like how many organizers start, I am sure, realized if I didn't do it, it wouldn't happen. There had never been organized childcare at any radical bookfair or anarchist gathering in Baltimore before. Now that I don't have a child biting on my ankle, I find I can be very effective as an ally. I have a new cool perspective on things now that I'm not as personally involved and can understand more what it's like to be childcare. (I'm a "bachelor mom" - a term I coined for myself last year when my daughter started going out into the world, leaving me with a strangely empty nest).

I can go to every meeting I choose, not worried about bedtime and little ones' needs and listen without interruption while representing parents and children's needs. As I address the non child experienced concerns (but parents can't leave their children, what about the liability? what if kids run down the hallway? How do we talk to them?) I find myself learning all along the way—like how I learned to be more respectful in a bilingual culture—how my actions affect others and what it takes to organize an event. It felt good to be involved with others, I found skills in myself I hadn't known I had, as my resources widened.

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The Mennonites at the mouth of our hollow would truly think they were homesteading at the Gates of Hell, if they knew what goes on a few miles deeper into the hills. Slap and Lettuce readers, on the other hand, will be pleased to know that a bunch of queer punks are whooping it up here at the IDA community in Middle Tennessee.

These hot summer days it seems like you can't spend enough time picking Japanese beetles off the blackberries, killing cabbage worms, chasing snakes out of the chicken coop, working on the totally exciting kitchen renovation, or beating the heat in the creek with a cold one—not to mention making wine and pies and checking out plans for a still (it's still legal in Tennessee, as if anybody cared, to distill a personal supply of the stuff). But egler the other hip summer project, planning for the IDA Fruit Jam, the annual

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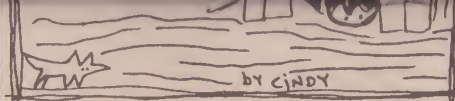
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Anarchism, What it Stands For, by Emma Goldman, summarized, modernized, translated into more plain language, and generally butchered by Cindy.

Every new idea that has brought humanity forward has been fought against viciously by people in power. Every new generation faces more insidious forms of social control, but still, the march towards freedom continues on.

There are so many bad things said about anarchism, I would have to write a whole book to talk about them all, so here I am just going to discuss two of the most prevalent arguments against it. First, people say it is an impractical, but beautiful ideal. Second, that anarchism stands for violence and destruction. Both of these are wrong.

What is practicality? Many people define it something that can happen in the existing conditions of society, but since the existing conditions are exactly what anarchism objects to, we have a different definition. We ask ourselves, is it something that has vitality enough to leave the stagnant waters of the old, and build as well as sustain new life? If you look at it this way, Anarchism is definitely practical!

As far as destruction and violence goes, those are things anarchism is fighting against. We are fighting against the violence of ignorance.

It requires less mental effort to condemn than to think. We ask you to think.

Definition: Anarchism: the philosophy of a new social order based on liberty unrestricted by man-made law, the theory that all forms of government rest on violence, and are therefore wrong and harmful, as well as unnecessary.

Our society is based on materialism and economic growth. Many anarchists

order derived from submission and maintained by force are not the best kinds of order. True social harmony comes when people have shared interests, and in a society where some people work all the time and can still hardly support their families and other people don't do shit but are richer than hell, you can hardly expect them to have shared interests.

Governments and laws don't stop crime. Governments are the ones that go to war and commit the worst crimes of all. Most crime is committed because people are forced to live lives they hate, and do things that are unfulfilling. Laws aren't going to help. What we need to do is rid the world of despair and poverty.

What about human nature? Are humans inherently wonderful or inherently wicked? Who knows. If you study caged animals in a zoo you're not going to find out their true nature. People are animals in captivity. Only once we are truly free will we be able to see humanities true potentials.

Anarchism stands for the liberation of the human mind from the domination of religion; the liberation of the human body from the domination of property; liberation from the shackles and restraint of government and commercialism. Anarchism stands for a social order based on the free grouping of individuals for the purpose of producing real social wealth, an order that will guarantee every human access to the necessities of life, according to individual desires, tastes, and inclinations.

Anarchism is not going to come about through divine intervention. It is a living force in our life, constantly changing. There are no iron-clad rules. Methods must grow out of the economic and social needs in each place and time. Some may take a serene, Tolstoy like approach, some an intense, Bakuninistic type approach. Different methods, temperaments, and strategies are part of what anarchism is about. We do not want to create a uniform society, or a uniform social movement where everyone is forced to follow the same line. Anarchism stands for the spirit of revolt, in whatever form, against everything that hinders human growth, that opposes the political and commercial machinery as a means of bringing about great social change, living the truth, reconstructing the world, and someday Anarchy will usher in the Dawn!

happened last year, with exciting workshops for parents, children, and even a kids parade. The trip energized me when I returned to my city. I was inspired by what I saw in Canada and certainly didn't take notes on how to provide childcare at events but before I realized it was deep in the organizing of my own Radical Kidz Corner for the Mid-Atlantic Radical Bookfair in Baltimore! I guess I was listening to my own talk about the importance of providing childcare; now that my arms were free and my daughter 18 - shouldn't that audience include me?

When I was attending a workshop in Montreal, after we had given ours, I heard a baby cry. Ok, here it is, I thought, the prime example of what we were talking about. A room full of people, a single mother, the baby cries and the mother will feel compelled to leave the meeting, missing out and alone in the hallway. How will we all handle it? The mother seemed very at ease, confident, she stood up to bounce the baby and listened more to the speaker. As the baby could not be settled, her friend came forward and offered to take the baby out to the hall so the mother could listen. I followed. (It was too crowded in there anyway) and spoke to her. Told her how great I thought she was, we had just been part of a workshop on the subject. I wound up holding Viola (her friend spoke little English but she wrote the baby's name down for me and tried to interpret her names meaning, that it meant freedom and the will in Russian.) so she could go back and listen, and that was my little lesson. I forgot what it was like to hold a baby. How giving they are, just relax in your arms, it's a strange feeling of ease. How heavy they get, and how they make you hot with their additional body heat! And I had no extra hand to get off my jacket, and couldn't use the bathroom until I placed her back in caring arms. It made me appreciate how much work it is to simply hold an infant, and what a good thing it is to give a mum a break. And also, there was a special feeling, of getting to know a little person.

Now that my daughter has grown, I've forgotten a lot about how to take care of small children. But I haven't forgotten what it felt like to be actively mothering a young child. Raising a teenager was awful hard; I'm glad to gain some independence: the last thing I actually want is any more child responsibility! I suppose it's the same thing when you leave your parent's home, the last thing you want is to get pulled into domestic responsibility

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has turned up a number of what I might call queer positive bands, who sport lovely lyrics about being gay but, how shall I put it, at the end of the day live in a primarily hetero world. It's a delicate subject, looking into who is "actually queer", and I'm not really interested in participating in the labels game at anyone else's expense. If a band can have fun rocking and hanging out with the chaotic mix of wacked-out queerboes here at Ida, the ultimately that is all that matters to me.

However, I do have a bit of a personal itch to scratch. I sincerely appreciate queer positive bands with 100 F-ing % of my little gay heart but honestly, who else out there feels like they have two groups of friends, the punks and the queers, and that rarely the twain shall meet? In Oakland, the people I rocked out with at shows were very queer-positive but largely straight, and many of the fantastic people I found real queer community with avoided those very same shows and house parties like the plague. What is that about? As a little exercise I counted the queers I've gone to shows with and came up with roughly 30 people across the US. Now if I am pals with 300 punks (I didn't bother to count that!) then that's 10% which is the textbook figure for the percentage of queer people in the US. Sweet! I don't have a problem after all! I certainly cannot make a blanket statement about homophobia in the US punk scene, between Martin sweating it up so GAYly with Limpwrist, and all the support I have found for my queer ass in the parts of the punk world I've encountered. Neither am I trying to make anybody feel insecure about the people they like to screw, and I know that straight-looking relationships can be very, very queer between the sheets. But I also know that I have felt a bit lonely at times and that I feel extra motivated to rock out with a bunch of queer punks to some really mind-blowing bands this Ida Fruit Jam as a part of knocking that loneliness to fucking mars. No doubt I am not the only person who feels that way—I think what happens at the Fruit Jam keeps some of us going all year long.

So, queer punks of the world, mark your calendars now for the Ida Fruit Jam, September 18-24, 2006. If you're not already scribbling in your datebooks and booking mid-south tours to that feature Ida between Chattanooga and Asheville, let me tantalize you with tales of Fruit Jam madness: bonfire soirees in the creekside; late-nite dance parties in the Farrah Fawcett Memorial Barn Breezeway, political burlesque on the "main stage" which is really a well-decorated extension of our farmhouse front porch; choosing between the fairytale gingerbread house shitter or the spaceship for your exquisite morning dump; waterfall hikes, caving, biking back roads to secret swimming holes; shacking up with a hot date (or two or three) in one of the barns. Think of the new heights in outfit greatness you can attain as the week builds from the intimate White Russian Kick-Off party in the drek creekside Monday night (one of my favorite events, really, because it's coated with anticipation of the exploits to come), towards the All Day Extravaganza on Saturday (which is long and flamboyant enough to sustain several transformations of drag fabulousity, actually).

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ZINE REVIEWS

AGITATE #7 (\$2ppd/PO Box 202/Shingley/BD18 3WB UK) One of my long-time favorite zines which I've often linked to both the genre of interest and spirit of S&L. Agitate has evolved from the one sheet of reviews and photos and news to a half-sized 20 page zine, expanding on the same stuff, but also including interviews, this time around with Gasmask Terror (from France), Lebenden Toten (from Portland), an inv. w/ the Leeds Anarchist Black Cross, a Germany scene report, a write up on Brazil's Besthoven and the Surrey (UK) Anarchist Group, plus zine and music reviews. Informative interviews and reports and a good looking zine. Awesome! (-Chris)

ALL THE DAYS ARE NUMBERED SO? CDzine (\$6/ Harlan Records/ 7205 Geronimo/ NLR, AR 72116/ Harlanrecords.org) This is a comp and a zine so I'll put in both sections. Some of the bands/performers on this are TEM EYOS KI, TINY HAWKS, SOOPHIE NUN SQUAD, LAVA LAVA, REACTIONARY 3, ERIN TOBEY, MATTY POP CHART, ABE FROMAN, and tons more. Some of the zine contributors are from Al Bunian, Nate Powell, Meredith Gaydos, Erin Tobey, and tons more. This as a whole package is really beautiful. I'm not into all the bands but the ones I like are great and make this worth buying just for the music. I didn't even like REACTIONARY 3 before I heard their song on this. The zine part is nicely laid out and full of breathtaking comics and insightful essays. My favorite comics are definitely Bunian's but I've always enjoyed his perspective on life and I loved Erin Tobey's ode to sci-fi. This whole thing is definitely a labor of love from Nate Powell and definitely worth checking out if you are into any of the bands or any of the zine contributors. (european)

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BARRELHOUSE #2 "PUS DRUNK" (\$2/R. Lee/PO Box 1421/Oshkosh WI 54903) This is an awesome comic story in equal parts illustration and narrative that tells of a crazy teen on a work crew who can't keep his mouth shut. He runs his mouth non-stop with insults, profanity, and jibberish and drives everyone he works with crazy, except for the owner of the company who is so nice and so tolerant it only proceeds to make the kid even more full of rage, hate and anger. Eventually the kid gets pummeled by his co-workers, and even once his mouth is wired shut, he doesn't stop his incessant annoying blabber. Until his brain gets infected with pus and he winds up in the hospital. I can't tell you any more, but it's an engaging story, well told and drawn. (-Chris)

BERSERKOTRON #2 - 8 1/2 x 5 1/2 - 36 pgs- (99p or \$2- David Robertson- 5 Kenmore Terrace/Dundee/Scotland/ DD3 6EE/UK/ d Robertson@hotmail.com) In the introduction to this comic, David tells us that he wanted to draw a lot of robots smashing each other up. That's cool. Being a fan of cartoon robots myself, this simple admission gave me a warm feeling inside. The full-color cover is inviting, and the contents are pretty enjoyable. The story is about a couple friends entering their robot in the vicious Robot Wars. There are lots of robots fighting, an evil arch-enemy, and some disagreements about the best way to win at the Robot Wars. Oh, and as an added incentive, there is Magic Paint, too. (Dug)

BIG EASY, SMALL WINDOW: 2005-HURRICANE KATRINA-GULF COAST USA (\$1/ One Thousand Emotions/ PO Box 63333/ St. Louis MO 63163) I was interested in this document of events in New Orleans which is mostly assembled of blogs and news briefs from the internet, postings, or news articles. As I started reading it though, it got kinda hard. Hard to just feel the pain of the difficult circumstances - the desperation, the fear, the overwhelmingness of the situation. However, amidst all of this pain, is a balance of what people say - the feeling that was out of necessity and that which was ridiculous, the low moral of the police force, and the fear felt by those who were supposed to be in control but were not, the utter breakdown of communication, and as a result the way that

hey, that is just cause I was graduating high-school then. He starts out talking about having spent a year in Finland, but then the zine isn't about that. The copying and cutting of the pages was kinda sloppy, so some of the text was either stapled or cut off. But I'm



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heading on to the next few issues now. Actually I should have the next 3 reviewed right here, but I kinda started them and flipped through them and lost interest and decided to skip them for the time being and now time is up on this issue. So next issue there will be a few more Carrol reviews. (-Chris)

BORN 20 YEARS TOO LATE #6 (April 06) (\$1 + postage/ Jo'92 Riel/ Gatineau, Quebec/ J8Y 5Y2/ Canada/ theamebix@yahoo.com) This is probably my favorite regular zine of the new generation of crust punks. It's been coming out often and contains band interviews and the like, which follow along the lines of my own interests. This issue has an interview w/ local Aghast, AOS, Forca Macabra, Varukers and Deathcharge (from Portland). There's also one w/ After the Bombs (probably the one I most wanted to read) but the small reverse print on the punk as fuck black layout is unreadable. Well still, the zine looks punk, is punk, and covers some good punk shit, so check it out. (-Chris)

BOXCUTTER #12 (\$2/ c/o Tomas, 1636 Fairview St., Berkeley, CA 94703) Mini zine with a super clean layout. Nice mix of text and graphics - very polished. Normally that isn't the attracting factor in zines for me. But this screams "read me." The writing is all strong even with various contributors. An obituary for sci-fi writer Octavia Butler, a look at the

value of money as a gift, hope as a drug, dancing as therapy, abuse along with forgiveness, the guilty pleasure of enjoying the movie V for Vendetta, random historic tidbits and it ends with a list of ways to keep hope alive. That's why I liked this so much - it brought a smile to my face. (-Aprille)

BREWTOPIA #1 (Richmond Punks/ 800 N 22nd St/ Richmond VA 23223/ Nick-Fuk@beer.com) This is a zine about making your own beer. This is a zine compiled by the local RVA punks and I've had some of their beer and it's good. This zine serves as an intro to the process, introducing you to the ingredients and the supplies you will need to get started. The process is explained and there are a bunch of recipes included. It's simple and to the point and anyone can do it. I was looking forward to the fall's Pumpkin Beer, but it looks like I'll be waiting till next year. I recommend checking this zine out if you're interested in doing some home brewing of your own. (-Chris)

BROOKLYN! #52 (4 issues \$10/ Fred Argoff/ Penthouse/ 1170 Ocean Pkwy/ Brooklyn, NY 11230-4060) This is probably my favorite issue of this zine I've ever read and I really like all of them. It focuses on abandoned buildings in Brooklyn and abandoned buildings are some of my favorite things ever. There are tons of great black and white pictures of abandoned and crumbling structures from the enormous like the abandoned Dominoes Sugar factory to a

play in his school's battle of the bands. There's band tension and crappy equipment. I felt like I was there. There are also more developments in the young love saga. The writer deals well with relationships and friendships and trying to get things done when the whole world seems to be against you. I like it. (Dug)

CLENCH #1-8 (SASE + one stamp per issue/ Philip Knowles/ 240 Spring Hill Dr. #210/ Roselle IL 60172-2470) Clench is a one pager zine that is dedicated to old US hardcore. Each issue has had a theme, the FUs, Void, Agnostic Front, Black Flag, the Fuck Ups, and one issue is letters. I've reviewed each of them as they've out (or at least the first 6) and I like to see them all together at once. It's like a big old-school hardcore history lesson. Put this in toe with the Grand Theft Audio CD collection, or an old-mix tape and you're in business. Philip's obsession with music is rabid and this zine is the result. It's cool. (-Chris)

CRACKS IN THE CONCRETE #2 (free/ donations/ Luke Romano/ 234 Jamestown Blvd./ Hammononton, NJ 08037/ trehugger029@aol.com) Another issue of this Anarcho high schooler's zine from good old Jersey. There is a pretty chilling article about highschool kids having to get fingerprinted to pay for cafeteria food. Very 1984 gone 90210. The rest is mostly highschool oriented political commentary and some contributions that include a story about getting arrested in N.O. post Katrina and much more. This is really heartfelt but slightly askew from my beliefs at points but I guess that's good that it's creating a political discourse in some type of way. It's also pretty cool getting a highschool kids perspective on life from a different source than normal media. (european)

CROC & BIRD - 8 1/2 x 11 - 9 pgs- (3 stamps or trade- Ken Shaw K-58396/ A1-129U/ NKP-PO Box 5000/ Delano, CA 93216-5000) Call me a nerd if you will, but I adore comic strips. This is a collection of comic strips drawn in the same vain as Pearls Before Swine, but it's about a crocodile

struggling to develop a show for television. It's a gag-a-day type strip, and usually delivers on the chuckles. It's lively and almost sweet. Croc and Bird is better than a lot of the crap that's printed in the paper. If you're a comic strip nerd like me, you should get this. (Dug)

CRUSHPUPPY (\$1Ppdp/ PO Box 816/ N. Tazwell, VA 24630/ piratesarah@gmail.com) This is a zine made in a 24 hour period about what Sarah loves the most. She also writes the Zine Tazwell's Favorite Eccentric. This zine is pretty sappy - how could it not be - it's about what one girl loves most in the world. Anyway I think people who are big fans of cute zines will like and should probably check it out. (european)

DANCE OF THE SKELETONS #4 (\$2/ trade/ free to prisoners/ Emak_bakia@hotmail.com) Mini zine that focuses on labor and class issues. There is a tale of organizing one universities film projectors into a union, an interesting interview with Floyd Peterson (a down to earth anarchist union organizer) and an article about a union cleaning staff at a local mall getting fired to make way for a non-union staff. They in turn do some picketing making the situation public and in the end

get there jobs back. The writing just zips along and I was done before I knew it. Wish it was longer. (-Aprille)

DARKEN BEFORE THE STORM #1 (?/ Gianbattista Wiegner/ Spalenning 139/ 4055 Basel/ Switzerland / magcygur_sucks@smx.ch) So this is a great first issue of this true punk fanzine. It's got a great name, great layout, and the band coverage is right up my alley as well. The interviews are long and thorough and are interesting because they also delve into life in the various countries where the bands live. There is Zerstor (a new crust band) from North Germany, Bom Dead Icons (Montreal, Canada), Hydjuver! (from Iceland) and Schlosli from Australia. There's also some scene reports and show and fest reviews, and some reviews and artwork mixed in. Also a rant about downloading music online killing DIY punk and distro malorder. All around I enjoyed reading this and hope that Gian keeps the zine going. (-Chris)

DORIS #23 (\$1.50ppd/ c/o Microcosm/ PO Box 14332/ Portland OR 97293) Damn I love Doris! Really, it's one of my favorite zines every time. As I read this, I feel like I'm connected to Cindy through her words, and well in a way I guess I am. She's been working through the alphabet with journal issues and this is the




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BARRELHOUSE #2 "PUS DRUNK" (\$2/R. Lee/ PO Box 1421/Oshkosh WI 54903) This is an awesome comic story in equal parts illustration and narrative that tells of a crazy teen on a work crew who can't keep his mouth shut. He runs his mouth non-stop with insults, profanity, and jibberish and drives everyone he works with crazy, except for the owner of the company who is so nice and so tolerant it only proceeds to make the kid even more full of rage, hate and anger. Eventually the kid gets pummeled by his co-workers, and even once his mouth is wired shut, he doesn't stop his incessant annoying blabber. Until his brain gets infected with pus and he winds up in the hospital. I can't tell you any more, but it's an engaging story, well told and drawn. (-Chris)

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heading on to the next few issues now. Actually I should have the next 3 reviewed right here, but I kinda started them and flipped through them and lost interest and decided to skip them for the time being and now time is up on this issue. So next issue there will be a few more Carrot reviews. (-Chns)

BORN 20 YEARS TOO LATE #6 (April 06) (\$1 + postage/ Jo/ 92/ Riel/ Gatineau, Quebec/ J8Y 5Y2/ Canada/ theamebix@yahoo.com) This is probably my favorite regular zine of the new generation of crust punks. It's been coming out often and contains band interviews and the like, which follow along the lines of my own interests. This issue has an interview w/ local Aghast, AOS, Forca Macabra, Varukers and Deathcharge (from Portland). There's also one w/ After the Bombs (probably the one I most wanted to read) but the small reverse print on the punk as fuck black layout is unreadable. Well still, the zine looks punk, is punk, and covers some good punk shit, so check it out. (-Chris)

BOXCUTTER #12 (\$2/ c/b Tomas, 1636 Fairview St., Berkeley, CA 94703) Mini zine with a super clean layout. Nice mix of text and graphics- very polished. Normally that isn't the attracting factor in zines for me. But this screams "read me." The writing is all strong even with various contributors. Anobituary for sci-fi writer Octavia Butler, a look at the value of money as a gift, hope as a drug, dancing as therapy, abuse along with forgiveness, the guilty pleasure of enjoying the movie V is for Vendetta, random historic tidbits and it ends with a list of ways to keep hope alive. That's why I liked this so much- it brought a smile to my face. (-Aplile)

BREWTOPIA #1 (Richmond Punks/ 800 N 22nd St/ Richmond VA 23223 /Nick-Fuk@beer.com) This is a zine about making your own beer. This is a zine compiled by the local RVA punks and I've had some of their beer and it's good. This zine serves as an intro to the process, introducing you to the ingredients and the supplies you will need to get started. The process is explained and there are a bunch of recipes included. It's simple and to the point and anyone can do it. I was looking forward to the fall's Pumpkin Beer, but it looks like I'll be waiting till next year. I recommend checking this zine out if you're interesting in doing some home brewing of your own. (-Chns)

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CRUSHPUDDY (\$1Pppd/ PO Box 816/ N. Tazwell, VA 24630 / piratesarah@gmail.com) This is a zine made in a 24 hour period about what Sarah loves the most. She also writes the Zine Tazwell's Favorite Eccentric. This zine is pretty sappy - how could it not be - it's about what one girl loves most in the world. Anyway I think people who are big fans of cute zines will like and should probably check it out. (european)

DANCE OF THE SKELETONS #4 (\$2/trade/free to prisoners/ Emak_bakia@hotmail.com) Mini zine that focuses on labor and class issues. There is a tale of organizing one universities film projectionists into a union, an interesting interview with Floyd Peterson (a down to earth anarchist union organizer) and an article about a union cleaning staff at a local mall getting fired to make way for a non-union staff. They in turn do some picketing making the situation public and in the end

get there jobs back. The writing just zps along and I was done before I knew it. Wish it was longer. (-Aplile)

DARKEN BEFORE THE STORM #1 (?) Gianbattista Wiegner/ Spalennig 139/ 4055 Base/ Switzerland / macyver_sucks@smx.ch) So this is a great first issue of this true punk fanzine. It's got a great name, great layout, and the band coverage is right up my alley as well. The interviews are long and thorough and are interesting because they also delve into life in the various countries where the bands live. There is Zerstört (a new crust band) from North Germany, Bom Dead Icons (Montreal, Canada), Hydljuverki! (from Iceland) and Schifosi from Australia. There's also some scene reports and show and fest reviews, and some reviews and artwork mixed in. Also a rant about downloading music online killing DIY punk and distro mailorder. All around I enjoyed reading this and hope that Gian keeps the zine going. (-Chns)

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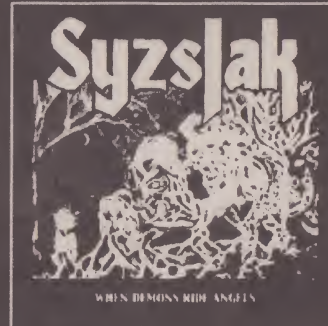


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carts, living in automobiles and all that entails—like safely parking and creating a comfortable environment, bike engines for traveling long distances on bicycles, and techniques for soothing natural irritants like poison ivy and oak. The part of this issue that I enjoyed most though was the story of the accused abortion clinic bomber living in the woods hiding from the police for five years. It's just really interesting to read about all his survival techniques and close calls. This zine is really interesting and would be entertaining for anyone. (European)

GREEN ANARCHY #22 (\$4US/\$5Canada/\$6Europe/\$7world/ PO Box 11331/ Eugene, OR 97440) It's been awhile since I've seen a copy of this. They have a pretty swanky format now. Bound newsprint ala MRR. Much easier to read on the bus than the fold out newspaper style. Thicker too. There's usual zine sections- letters, news, and reviews. Articles cover recent arrests of ALF and ELF members, the Pans youth riots, technology and class struggle, a look at sustainability, the greed of technology, info on the "axial age" (between 800 and 200 BC) and more. (-April)

IMPACT PRESS #60 (\$3/PMB 361/0151 University Blvd/ Orlando FL 32817/ www.impactpress.org/editor@impactpress.org) Last issue of a ten year run. Contains Jim Hightower, politics, cosmetic companies that still test on animals, comics, outdated info on the government targeting environmental/animal activists, book and music reviews. Also, an article purporting to reclaim the "revolutionary" Martin Luther King Jr., Norman Solomon column, and mainstream media ignoring the impeachment movement. Imposing MLK Jr.'s face on the common Che portrait was a mistake. That's gonna give me nightmares! (mishap)

IN THE SPIRIT OF MASS HUNGER: A VEGAN COOKBOOK I & II (\$1 + Postage/446 Kent St/ Ottawa Ontario K2P 2B5/ Canada/Willful Resistance@hotmail.com) The first one starts out with deserts: brownies, cakes, and the like. Then gets into some sauces, spread and salsas, then sandwiches, vegan stews, veggie pate, and some things that I barely realized needed recipes like burritos and fried tofu, but hey, that is kinda the cool thing about this collection of recipes - it's really basic regular stuff that is yummy and if you haven't been introduced to lots of veggie cooking then this might get you started. Issue #II has a bit of an intro about veganism, and recipes sorted into meal groups - breakfasts of scrambled tofu, French toast; lunches with mock tuna salad and peanut soup, bean tacos, chili; and cakes, puddings, cookies and vegan cheesecake for dessert. Also of interest are recipes for Sarnosas (yum), Falafel (from scratch), baba ganoush, and some other yummys that are a step beyond the basics. Good food is always great to have recipes for. (-Chris)

UNDESTRUCTIBLE by Crisly C. Road (\$6/ Microcosm/ 5307 N Minnesota Ave/ Portland OR 97217/ www.microcosmpublishing.com) Wow! I heard that Crisly was going to write a book and that it was going to be about being 15. When I first saw it,

I was almost disappointed cause it's was a 100-page book, which is almost zine size. But, and this is a huge BUT, this book is so fucking good and each page packs such a wallop that the page count doesn't matter. As with all of Crisly's work, this is beautifully illustrated with her trademark style and her writing is an equally good match. In fact this is so kick ass that it kinda leaves me in awe. She writes about growing up in a family of Cuban women in Miami, where there was generally way more Latino culture than White, and where the subculture of punk was seen as very white and male. Crisly is fierce though, and throughout her teen years she was outspoken, and while fighting self-hate, she put her self out there in a way that seems more confident than I think most teenage girls could ever be. She writes about masturbation and sex, promiscuity, and her equal love and attraction to boys and girls. Everything good she learned in school was from cutting class and she spent a lot of time drinking quarts of beer and doing speed. What is striking about this novel is that while it does indeed tell a story, her story, it's also full of this looking back kind of wisdom that is also very much full of her ideals and her realizations, her battles and victories in emotional vulnerability and finding the strength of loving herself and her female gender. She has got to be a role model for thousands of teen girls out there, and I recommend this book to everyone and anyone. Damn, I mean, I'm swept away. This is powerful stuff, but down to earth and so open and honest you can feel the blood and sweat. Wow! (-Chris) *****

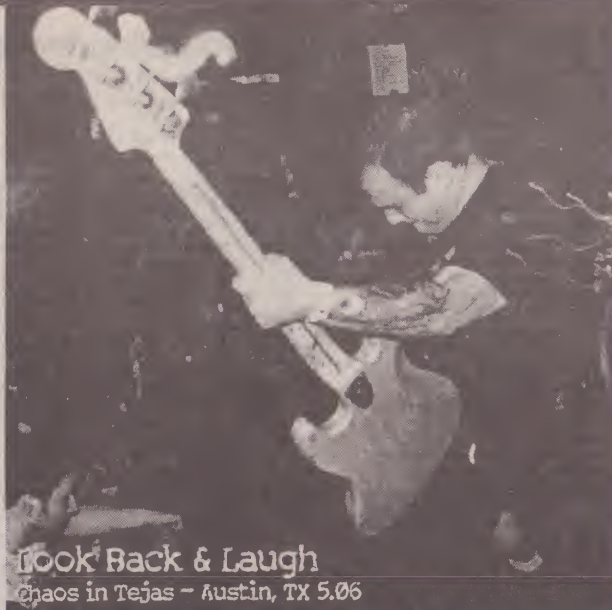
INSURGENT #17.3 (\$7/ EMU, Suite One, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403-1228) This is a local Eugene community paper that is free around town. Lots of political news- a look into the cruelty of fur farming, U of O campus news, rundown of Bush's scandals updates on activist arrests, an ode to Albert Hofmann (inventor of LSD), tales from burning man, a rant against the overload of rules/regulations we encounter everyday, an analysis of the French riots, book and film reviews, info on the healing benefits of common plantain and more. (-April)

IS THIS LOVE? V1 #2 (\$2/1611 Newsom Rd/ Belleville TX 77418/ Author: Tommy Duncan #840433/ Rt. 1, Box150/ Tennessee Colony TX 75884) Introduction talks around the meaning of "love", then the zine brings us memories of riding the bus to school, hooking up with a girl in high school, prison visits from his parents, and encouraging those in prison who have repentant hearts. The quotes from Deepak Chopra give an indication where this is coming from and the zine is a slightly loopy perine. (mishap)

KEEP LOVING KEEP FIGHTING #6 (Hope/PO Box 791639/ New Orleans LA 70179) I always love an issue of Hope's little zine, full of great writing, nice artwork, and a woodcut knitted cover. I had no idea though that this little zine was gonna be about New Orleans, and the Hurricane and the survival, because I didn't even know she'd been living there. So reading this back-to-back with Shelley's little zine (New Orleans...My Love) in a way made sense, because they tell a smaller story, from comrades and peers, but obviously he story, though similar is quite different. Hope was living there, stayed through the storm in a sturdy house, wandered a destroyed town, evacuated temporarily and returned quickly. She was lucky that she had a home to return to. She worked at the like Shop and helped to rebuild. And like her name, she had hope. There are a couple of rudes, brief stories from South America travel, and a contribution from another JOLA friend. And then the second half of the zine returns to spring in NOLA, when gardens are being planted and a ruined city shows some signs of rebirth, life, and again, hope. Awesome! (-Chris)

AST HOURS #13 (sum. 06) (\$2/PO Box 382/456-458 The Strand/London WC2R 0DZ UK/ www.lasthours.org.uk/info@astzine.co.uk) I love this zine. It's probably the best argy zine that has been coming out regularly and covering a wide range of the scope

of the underground DIY political punk scene. In fact, it kinda seems like one of the few these days that is going strong, vibrant and full of energy (and not threatened by extinction), in fact they have upgraded to a higher quality paper and larger size. I'm not sure if the price increase though, that isn't staid. But anyway, this great zine has a great format - with brief band interviews, more extensive ones, columns, views, and articles on DIY projects and political issues. They've got a census poll in this issue too of their readership, which not that surprisingly is on the younger side and more upspring to me was the scope of avante bands and such was so different from my own - esp. cause the coverage is always of interest. But nough of my babble. The theme of this issue is punk rock and comics and here are interview pieces with several well known comics artists - including Al Bunan, Jeff Awow, Alan Martin from Tank Girl, Jeffrey Brown and a fantastic long chat with



If this came out thirteen years ago and I was from London, this would have been my zine. Roshan, Sam, and Louis offer up a political punk zine tackling hating categorization and the middle class while being of it, why tv is bad, anarchy not being chaos, poor and black people being screwed by the hurricane and the gov't in the U.S., record reviews, an interview with DropDead, and more. The standout is an "aftermath" apocalypse story that is claustrophobic, melancholy, and hopeful. Killer. Recommended. (mishap)

MISHAP #21 (\$2-3/trade/PO Box 5341/Eugene OR 97405/mishapzine@yahoo.com) This is easily, every time, one of my absolute favorite zines. I read it with vigor and love the diversity of writing that Ryan includes - from personal to political, crust punk to metal, book obsession, zine love, and stories about everything from birthdays to metal shows, and even a bit of futuristic sci-fi stuff, just like what I get into. This issue also has an interview w/Finland's Battlere. He writes about an old friend's disdain for "housepunks" and admits his own need of home comforts - which hit right home with me too. There are some thoughts on writing and the difference between writing zines, short stories and books, and what talent might be. He rants a tad on beards and their popularity in anarchist circles (funny) and gets a few jabs in commenting on (both mainstream and counter) culture. There are a ton of book and zines reviews (hooray) and all around this is a solid well rounded, much enjoyed by me zine. Yeah! (-Chris) *****

MODERN ARIZONA #8.5 (\$1 US, \$2 world or trade/PO Box 494/Brewster NY 10509 /unseen@bestweb.net) Joe has always wanted to do a 9" sized zine so he hacked this one out. A visit to the beach, meteorites, playing with dry ice, the tale of a passed around shit pome, turning 30, and more. I find MA to be hit and miss, and, if I were the target for this, the shot was wide. (mishap)

MR. WALLON #2 - 8 1/2 x 7 - 16 pgs - (\$2.50- Kenneth Shaw K-58396/A1-129L/NKP-PO Box 5000/Delano, CA 93216-5000) As the title suggests, these are not happy-go-lucky comics full of talking cats and hot superheroes. It's a first-person account of prison



life, misery, and confusion. There is a little story with special guest star George W. Bush. He emerges from a toilet and is verbally flayed by the cartoonist. The writing is darkly funny and the cartoons are pretty neat, too. If you enjoy a good rant, a little wallowing in despair and self-doubt, this is a comic zine for you. (Dug)

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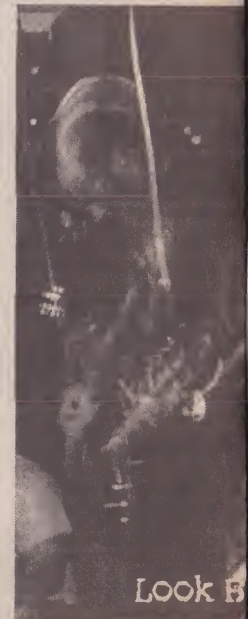
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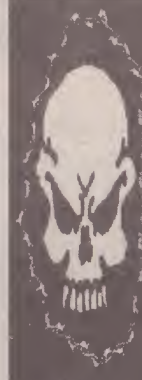
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SPAT BACK (UK stamp/ world/ trade/ mix CD/ letter/ Emma/ 193 Sandford Grove RD/ Sheffield, S.Yorkshire/ S7 1RS/UK) This is a DIY personal zine from the UK from the female perspective. It has lots of articles including one on females finding their own identities in punk rock, the good stuff about punk rock, breaking up, a vegan pancake recipe, and stenciling. This zine is interesting cause to me it seems so American not in a bad way but just in the topics that are discussed in it but it's cool that zines like these are popping up in other places too. It also has cool drawings of what's going on in Emma's life, how to make a bag from pants and more. (european)

SQUAT ZINE (2 stamps, trade, \$1/Bridge/PO Box 436/Waldo, FL 32694) The name of this zine pretty much sums it up. It's about an art exhibit in an abandoned building in Florida. It really just consists of an interview with Ethan an organizer of the event also known as Squart and lots of photos from the art show. I've always been intrigued by squat art but this is a different and less organic idea than kids just drawing on the walls of the houses they are living in but is also pretty cool. From what I can tell from the black and white photos the art is greatly based on it's surroundings (the abandoned building). This whole project is pretty inspirational, the idea of taking art out of the galleries and also reclaiming unused space is cool and I hope I get more zines similar to this. (european)

TAZEVELL'S FAVORITE ECCENTRIC #3 (\$1 each/PO Box 816/North Tazewell, VA 24630) Two issues both are mini size. Focusing on the ups and downs of Sarah's life. Mostly memories, self esteem issues, ponderings, letters written to work out problems and let emotions out. There is a certain charm and grounded feeling in her writing- covering things like working less for more time to do what she wants, the secrets that families never mention, the death of her brother, rape and molestation memories, returning to old stomping grounds and more. (-Aprilie)

THE ALARM #4 (2 stamps or trade/PO Box 66362/Houston TX 77266) Another issue highlighting some area political groups, interviewing a Palestinian activist from Houston, discussing city attempts to oust the poor and black from a traditional neighborhood, and an explication of Zapatismo. (mishap)

THE EAST VILLAGE INKY #30 (\$3/ Ayun Holiday/ PO Box 22754/ Brooklyn NY 11202 / www.AyunHoliday.com) The East Village Inky is going strong at issue #30 and Ayun continues to tell entertaining stories about her rapidly growing children living in Brooklyn. I've just finished reading her

latest book, Dirty Sugar Cookies, which was super awesome by the way, so I feel inundated with Ayun of late, and that is a good thing. She is a funny and good writer and from famous neighbors, lost toys, bearded dads and local eats, this is as rolicking an adventure as ever. I can't believe how fast the kids are growing up! It seems like yesterday I was reading about birthing stories. (-Chris) #31 is the latest issue. She's taken to scanning in the handwritten and illustrated pages, so you can see the slight dot screen now. A good half of this is about her daughter (and a bit of her secret own) obsession with American Girl catalog, stores, dolls and products. Having never heard of this brand before, it took me awhile to figure out it's a posh doll collection that is supposed to represent times and places in history. Not a bad concept, I reckon, but it sounds like an expensive hobby all the same. Ayun's writing is as manic as ever, with the main story, and plenty of offshoots, illustrated sidebars and enough little funny details to make your head spin. As only could happen in NYC, she chronicles a wing-nut who does a public self-installation of himself in a water globe for a week (so strange), an a few other little bits like other cultural opportunities, like her husbands latest play. (-Chris)

THE FURY #15 (\$3 cover/ Mark Novotny/ 5413 6th Ave/ Countryside IL 60526 / thefuryzine@hotmail.com) Ian is going to review this one in the next issue, but I think it should be in this one, so I wanted to mention it. This is a thick copied zine crammed full of punk, straight edge, personal, political and all bits in between. Captured by Robots, Plan it-X festival, Dead Fall, hard-line stuffed animal collections, loads of photos and reviews. Looks good. Check it out, or wait for a more thorough review. (-Chris)

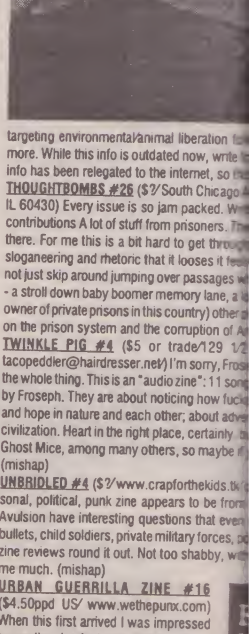
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THE JUNIPER #6 (Spring 06) (Stamp/Daniel Murphy/PO Box 5134/Moscow ID 83843) I really like this little newsletter. It reminds me so much I felt when I first started getting really interested in gardening and self-sufficiency and various other ideas of the "back to the land movement". But it's humble and down to earth, inspiring and informative. This issue is very much about sustainability - both in supporting local businesses, as well as local food sources. There is discussion on food, and cheap food and what it is doing to agriculture as a whole, as well as reasons why locally grown food is better overall for you than organic foods (if they are imported and likely use more resources and preservation to keep them fresh. There are some books recommended about small-scale self-sufficient farms and as always, a passion for plants and the earth. I really like this. (-Chris)

THE MOON CONSPIRACY #3 (\$2 or trade/Richard Twardowski/1675 Hunters Run Dr/Ottawa ON K1C 6Z6/Canada / punkkazz@hotmial.com) Thick, black, Cadillac! Author discusses messing up his knee—and re-injuring it at shows. There is a lengthy tour diary of the author's band that manages to be humorous and too long at the same time. Solid cutpaste punk effort worth reading. (mishap)

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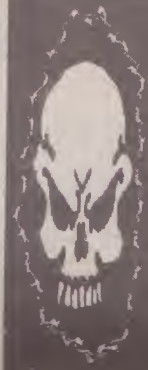
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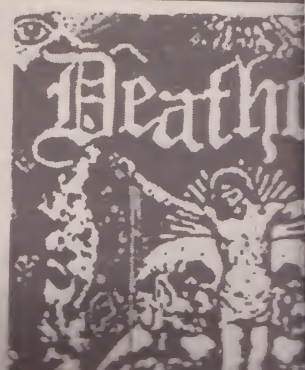
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Schpidauw@flatcapconspiracy.com) This ap-
...pears to be a zine made by gamers although it's
...not actually about gaming (it just surrounds other
...things written in the zine) which focus's on junk
...food. There is a pretty funny article about "geek"
...snacks Mountain Dew and Funnynuts which gives an
...in depth look into the history and overall popularity or lack thereof of both products. Besides this there
...are tons more articles on junk foods, tales from a gaming convention, and a comic focusing on junk food
...as well. This would probably be more funny to gamers than me, maybe? (europan)
SHOES #6 (2/PO Box 1986/Corunna, Ontario N6N1G0 Canada) This is a great fat little 1/4 sized zine
...dedicated to the Purple Thistle Centre in Vancouver, which was conceived as a place for alternative
...education, a drop in center for kids, a place for kids to figure themselves out, find out what interests them,
...have opportunities, meet other dysfunctional drop outs of the school system, or whatever. The zine is
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SLINGSHOT #90 (Spring 06) (\$1/2.50 world/3124 Shattuck Ave./ Berkeley CA 94705) Always a
...fantastic source of info for both radical goings on in the Bay area as well as the world beyond. This issue
...has writing on Mountain Top Removal, border issues, critical mass, the Insane Liberation Front
...Manifesto (closing down mental hospitals and forming new means of support), the Palestinian liberation
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SNAKEBIT QUARTERLY #14 (\$2/youngamericancomics.com) In case you aren't familiar, Ben is a
...dude from Virginia who lives in Austin and draws these daily comics about his days which usually go
...something like this "I went to work hungover, I went to a show, then I went to bed", or "I went to work,
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SPAT BACK (UK stamp/ world/ trade/ mix CD/ letter/ Emma/ 193 Sandford Grove RD/ Sheffield, S.Yorkshire/ S7 1RS/ UK) This is a DIY personal zine from the UK from the female perspective. It has lots of articles in it including one on females finding their own identities in punk rock, the good stuff about punk rock, breaking up, a vegan pancake recipe, and stenciling. This zine is interesting cause to me it seems so American not in a bad way but just in the topics that are discussed in it but it's cool that zines like these are popping up in other places too. It also has cool drawings of what's going on in Emma's life, how to make a bag from pants and more. (European)

SQUART ZINE (2 stamps, trade, \$1/ Bridge PO Box 436/ Waldo, FL 32694) The name of this zine pretty much sums it up. It's about an art exhibit in an abandoned building in Florida. It really just consists of an interview with Ethan an organizer of the event also known as Squart and lots of photos' from the art show. I've always been intrigued by squat art but this is a different and less organic idea then kids just drawing on the walls of the houses they are living in but is also pretty cool. From what I can tell from the black and white photos the art is greatly based on it's surroundings (the abandoned building). This whole project is pretty inspirational, the idea of taking art out of the galleries and also reclaiming unused space is cool and I hope I get more zines similar to this. (European)

TAZEWEEL'S FAVORITE ECCENTRIC #3 (2 stamps, trade, \$1 each/ PO Box 816/ North Tazewell, VA 24630) Two issues both are min size. Focusing on the ups and downs of Sarah's life. Mostly memories, self esteem issues, ponderings, letters written to work out problems and let emotions out. There is a certain charm and grounded feeling in her writing - covering things like working less for more time to do what she wants, the secrets that families never mention, the death of her brother, rape and molestation memories, returning to old stomping grounds and more. (-April)

THE ALARM #4 (2 stamps or trade/ PO Box 66362/ Houston TX 77266) Another issue highlighting some area political groups, interviewing a Palestinian activist from Houston, discussing city attempts to oust the poor and black from a traditional neighborhood, and an explication of Zapatismo. (mishap)

THE EAST VILLAGE INKY #30 (\$3/ Ayun Halliday/ PO Box 22754/ Brooklyn NY 11202 / www.AyunHalliday.com) The East Village Inky is going strong at issue #30 and Ayun continues to tell entertaining stories about her rapidly growing children living in Brooklyn. I've just finished reading her latest book, Dirty Sugar Cookies, which was super awesome by the way, so I full inundated with Ayun of late, and that is a good thing. She is a funny and good writer and from famous neighbors, lost toys, bearded dads and local eats, this is as rollicking an adventure as ever. I can't believe how fast the kids are growing up! It seems like yesterday I was reading about birthing stories. (-Chris) #31 is the latest issue. She's taken to scanning in the handwritten and illustrated pages, so you can see the slight dot screen now. A good half of this is about her daughter (and a bit of her secret own) obsession with American Girl catalog, stores, dolls and products. Having never heard of this brand before, it took me awhile to figure out it's a posh doll collection that is supposed to represent times and places in history. Not a bad concept, I reckon, but it sounds like an expensive hobby all the same. Ayun's writing is as manic as ever, with the main story, and plenty of offshoots, illustrated sidebars and enough little funny details to make your head spin. As only could happen in NYC, she chronicles a wing-nut who does a public self-installation of himself in a water globe for a week (so strange), an a few other little bits like other cultural opportunities, like her husbands latest play. (-Chris)

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THOUGHTBOMBS #26 (\$3/ South Chicago ABC zine distro/ PO Box 721, Homewood, IL 60430) Every issue is so jam packed. Whining from the editor- Anthony and tons of contributions. A lot of stuff from prisoners. There's comics and clip-art spread here and there. For me this is a bit hard to get through. Anthony's writing is so peppered with sloganeering and rhetoric that it looses it feeling like a real person wrote it. It's hard to not just skip around jumping over passages where he is on a tangent. Subjects covered - a stroll down baby boomer memory lane, a look at Correction Corp of America (major owner of private prisons in this country) other prison facts and info. A lot of rants focused on the prison system and the corruption of America. (-April)

TWINKLE PIG #4 (\$5 or trade/ 129 1/2 Walnut St/ Winona MN 55987 / lacopeddler@hairdresser.net) I'm sorry, Frosep, I really tried but I couldn't get through the whole thing. This is an "audio zine": 11 songs written and performed on guitar, mixed by Frosep. They are about noticing how fucked up the world is, but seeing the beauty and hope in nature and each other, about adventure and relationships and getting rid of civilization. Heart in the right place, certainly, but I couldn't handle the music. He thanks Ghost Mice, among many others, so maybe if you like similar stuff this would be great. (mishap)

UNBRIDED #4 (\$2/ www.crapforthekids.tk/ crapforthekids@hotmail.com) This personal, political, punk zine appears to be from Belgium. The interviews with Vuur and Avulsion have interesting questions that even cause some tension. Writing on rubber bullets, child soldiers, private military forces, politician's speech, and more. Record and zine reviews round it out. Not too shabby, with a sardonic humor that didn't appeal to me much. (mishap)

URBAN GUERRILLA ZINE #16 (\$4.50ppd US/ www.wettheponk.com) When this first arrived I was impressed cause the zine looks so damn good. I haven't seen one for what seems like years, and so this was a welcome surprise that I was excited about. Based in Oakland, the coverage is on the crutier side of punk, with the blast beats, metal and all things in between covered. And they represent their local scene big time. There's also an interview w/ Kylesa, the Baron from the Amebix (currently making swords on the Isle of Skye), Laudnaum (Oakland), Words that Burn (Wis), and Keep Laughing (Boston). But there's a rad interview w/ Kate Knox, old-school punk from Oakland also an organizer of the BOB fest and current worker at Slaughterhaus. There's a write up on the speed trails (which band can play the fastest) and a back to Oakland show weekend. Then there are reviews, and top 10's and tons of really good photos. This is a solid issue, well done, and all around fucking excellent!! (-Chris)

WATCH THE CLOSING DOORS #35 (\$10 for 4 issues/ Fred Argoff/ Penthouse L/ 1170 Ocean Pkwy/ Brooklyn, NY 11230) This is always such a fun read. I have to read it



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Funny and light. Overall, sad and interesting perzines. (mishap)

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DIRTY SUGAR COOKIES by Ayun Halliday

I first discovered Ayun, through her zine The East Village Inky, which she started telling stories about her madcap adventures being a mother in NYC. But Ayun is wacky and offbeat, with a theater background, and she traveled the world long before she was a mother in NYC. She's now written books about her parenting experience, her traveling adventures, and various jobs that she's had over the years. And the thing is that I'm now convinced that Ayun can write an entire book about absolutely any subject and that it will be the most engaging and entertaining thing you've ever read. She's a master of making fun of herself with self-deprecating stories, while conveying this down to earth no-bullshit personality of being the strangest hen in the litter and the girl next door at the same time.

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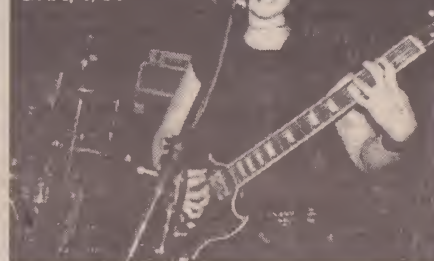
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ATTENTAT SONORE - BARRICADES 1995-7" Anarcho-punk from France with dual male and female vocals. Totally solid and really good. Strong energy and catchy tempo, slightly metallic guitar power, but delivered in a straight forward manner of good old styled punk. Sometime they sing together, sometimes separately (in French) about media in France, DIY, rebellion and the ruling class, and the title song about the worker uprising. This is a great record, but it goes by too fast. Nicely done. (Do It Yourself/BP 135/87004 Limoges Cedex V/France/Maoka BP 536/21014 Dijon Cedex/France/Strongly Opposed/Huweg 29/2504 Biel/Switzerland) (-Chris) *****

BAIL OUT - ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST CD Compiles everything this band did in their existence - 36 tracks in all. You get some EP tracks, some demo's, and some live one's too. Most of the songs clock-in at around a minute, so don't look for any longwinded rock songs here, just blissed skate core-themes, many times with tongue-firmly-in-cheek. They were breaking up & put this together as things were coming to an end. They even cover The Ramones 'Comando' & fellow DC'er's S.O.A. at hyper-speed... both of which were rather fast to begin with. This CD has enhanced goodies too. (Headcount Records, 11622 Rumford Ct., Woodbridge, VA 22192 www.myspace.com/headcountrecords) (Dave) *****

BATHUB SHITTER-SKATE OF BULGARIA 5" VINYL Well, what can I say, I fucking love this band, I haven't heard anything I don't like by them! And this is no different!! And it comes in very cool packaging. The lyrics are printed on actual toilet paper. If you don't love the band, they play brutal death grind from Japan, with a huge punk influence!! Great release!! No contact. (Barrett) *****

BIRDS OF PREY - WEIGHT OF THE WOUND CD So I've been pretty close to this band, since it was conceived in my house and all. It's an "all star cast" ensemble of guys from heavy bands from the Southern East Coast, featuring Erik Larson (from ATP, yes, my husband!), Beau (x-Throthead, current Last Van Zani), Dave Wittie (drummer extraordinaire, from Discordance Axis, Burnt by the Sun and currently Municipal Waste), Summer (from Baroness), and Ben Hogg (from Beaten Back to Pure) on vocals. These guys are all great musicians and they worked well together and made a great fucking record of a classic style of thrashing death metal. In fact, even though I've heard this before and was practically there when it was written and recorded, when I took a pile of CDs on a road trip to review, this is the one that I kept on listening to. Ben's vocals are gnarly, deep and well so guttural as to be almost unbelievable - a style that works so fucking well with this style of metallic death metal thrash. The lyrics are insane. It's heavy, it's solid, it's even catchy and really damn good. They're gonna try and play a few shows this fall, which will be very cool since it will likely be a rare treat as they all live in different states and they never really set out to be a touring playing live kinda band. Too bad though, cause I think they will be taking people by storm and headline. (Relapse Records/PO Box 2060/Upper Darby PA 19082/relapse.com) (-Chris) *****

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BRISTLE - 1984/450 CD This packs all of the 'punk' wallop and then sneaks in melody & crazy guitar solo's in the blink of an eye. At points sounding like a hardcore version of the DC's with the bass hits & nasally vocal bits. They definitely put some time into the writing AND the recording of this one, as you can really HEAR the quality of the finished product. When I think of Seattle I will think of these guys - not the Sub Pop generation that city is famous for. A Big Boys cover that is solid too. (Roden Popsicle, POB 1143, Alston, MA 02134 www.rodenpopsicle.com) (Dave) *****

CENTERDOWN INSURGENTS-DUMPSITE DIVE DEMO CD At first when I got this I was wondering if this was a joke because I've actually run across a few joke political crust bands recently. Then I wondered if this had been lost in the mail for the last 10 years. But really after listening to this a few times and checking out the booklet I'm realizing bands like this are just as relevant today as they were in the early 90's cause all the problems that they sing about are still just as relevant. This band really has the early 90's crust sound down to a T. They also have the esthetic down so well the CD booklet has to be seen to be believed but I really like it. You can hear all the great influences of Nausea, Anti-Cimex, and of course Discharge and the production is super noisy but it fits the music way better than something super polished. Their politics are right on with the 90's crust scene I mean the Demo is even called Dumpster Dive. This is cool even if it's not exactly super original (80 Delong Dr./Ottawa, Ontario/K1J7E7/Canada/centerdowninsurgents.cjb.net) (European) *****

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CYNESH - OUR FUNERAL ORATION FOR THE HUMAN RACE CD Total metal grind attack delivered by political punks from Germany. Lyrics assault the rich and the society created by them, while the guitarists merely assault their forebears. There's no bullshit here to speak of, just an all out onslaught led by rasping throaty vocals and a mountain of guitars. The DBest intro to the final tune seems like a stoner crawl after the speed of the rest of this record, but after barely 20 seconds they launch into a ripper that will make fans of crushing lightning fast ScandiCrust shit themselves. The recording is second to none... actually, the record itself could handle that same brief description. (www.sound-pollution.com) (-Robert) *****

DEADFALL - KEEP TELLING YOURSELF IT'S OKAY EP They were always pretty damn great, but these last two DEADFALL singles have really upped their stock a few levels. These six tunes are short and sweet and in your face, and the lyrics are just as no bullshit as the music. And if you had any doubt about the total resurgence of early 80's punk, just check out the instrumental "What's Bogus" and put yourself in LA circa 1983... and the song that follows is a thrashcore killer with speed picking, whammy bars and everything. A rager for sure... this band is too often overlooked in favor of the DIRECT CONTROLS and the STRUNG UPS of the world, but hopefully not for long. (www.fankrimes.com) (-Robert) *****

DEFCON 4 - FILE UNDER FUCK CD This record is amazing. It's all over the place! It reminds me of Born Against meets Men's Recovery Project with a little Black Flag just to keep it in the realm of punk rock without delving too far into the experimental. Nice job! (Black Box Records, P.O. Box 110-454, Williamsburg Station, Brooklyn, NY 11211) (-Rob) *****

DEFIANCE- OHIO THE GREAT DEPRESSION CD I've been into this band ever since I heard their demo years ago. For their sophomore release they have 13 new songs that are very much in the same vein of their first record, SHARE WHATYAGOT. The new record has all the same melodic punk and folk elements and all the same instruments, violin, cello, banjo, upright bass, that aren't in the majority of punk bands but it's overall tone is more subdued. To me the songs are not as catchy or as rocking as the earlier releases but that said they seem to be a little more melancholic and introspective. They are also still very political. One thing I really like is that this is the first recording I have from them that I really noticed female lead vocals which totally adds a nice new dynamic to their sound. (No Idea/PO Box 14636 Gainesville FL 32604/noleadrecords.com) (European) *****

DIGS HASTIO - KEROSENE EP 1998 recordings revived... and while the content is quality, they certainly show their age. Rampaging beats drive every track, and harsh shouts over a low end rumble, but the recording is really really muddy, and the songs suffer as a result. Thankfully the guitars are plenty loud in the mix though, because they are the focal point of the band. Basically, this is an awesome Peruvian crust band with several releases under their belts, and while there are better places to start, these tracks are still a good reference. (Vicious Interference, PO Box 2331, Land O' Lakes, FL 34639) (-Robert) *****

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FALL OF EREFAFA - QWISLA CD Damn, this is good!! I mean really good!! I call the dark kind of pummeling crust that I like with the addition of a cello. I've taken to calling it apocalyptic punk, which is a dark and heavy pummeling sound, with weaving melodic guitars, and gruff vocals. And like I said, a cello, which you can't hear all the time, but when it's there, it adds a whole new layer and dimension that is awesome. Think Tragedy, Wolfbrigade or Remains of the Day... And lyrically inspired by the mythology and politics of the book Watership Down, which translates to some pagan earthy shit that I love. This demo version is hand assembled in a silk screened cardboard sleeve with lyric booklet in a little envelope, a patch, and the CD. It's nice. In fact, all around, I think that this is my new favorite band. It's hits all the right chords and notes with me and I'm just stoked!! (falloferafa@yahoo.com) (-Chris) *****

FILTH OF MANKIND - THE FINAL CHAPTER LP Oh yes, finally! The LP version is out, after years of problems with this label and that. And here is the fifth: Filth of Mankind are one of my favorite bands of all time. When I first got this release (on CD many years back in 2000) I was out of my mind ecstatic, and a raving lunatic about it. This Polish band plays the best hybrid of metallic Amebix meets Misery styled punk that I've heard. Dark, heavy, pummeling and weaving. It's absolute perfection. So finally, the LP is available and now you can revel in the awesomeness of one of my all time favorites. And if you like the dark punk, the Amebix

style, the drop tuned bass heavy pummeling distortion and ease crushing sound of metallic punk... then this is for you. Hoorary! Just for the record, Misoszcz moved to the states, and FOM as it was ceased to be, but they do continue with a new line-up. (Black Water Records/PO Box 5223/Portland OR 97208-5223) (-Chris) *****

FOR THE WORSE - COULDN'T GIVE TWO SHITS ABOUT THE KIDS LP Awesome gatefold vinyl version of the Boston ragin' Originally on CD, it is cool to see this get the full-on vinyl treatment. Pounding through 25 songs in just about as many minutes, this is like a heavy dose of 80's-era Slag Shot on the wrong speed (this is a FAST band). This is some sick stuff, and the music is as menacing as the front cover -

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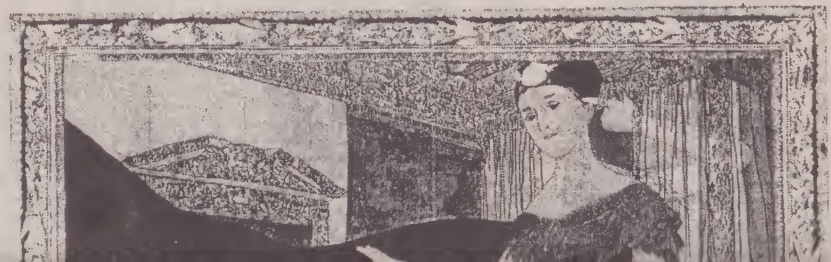


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punk rock with Fat Wreck Chords style production and after listening to this several times I feel like that assumption was pretty correct. This record reminds me of a time in the 90's when it seemed like every band on Fat had the exact same production as NOFX. This band by no means sounds just like NOFX but they are definitely heavily influenced by them. Bad Religion and other SoCal punk bands in the same vein. Saying that it's not bad, it's really good for what it is but if I had to choose I would put on old record from one of those other classic SoCal melodic punk bands. (Fat Wreck Chords/PO Box 193690/SF, CA 94119/fatwreck.com) (european)

GORILLA ANGRER - LONG ISLAND EP This Danish band lives up to every inch of hype that surrounds them...completely infectious mid tempo punk that begs for dancing. The X comparisons are undeniable, and there are certainly elements on their recent 12" that are shameless Xworship, but these two tracks are just great powerpop/punk songs...the little track begs for singing along in the shower (if you speak or understand Danish, of course), and the flip features as much 70s UK glam-punk (CUDDLY TOYS/RAPED) as it does 80s LA melodic punk. I've heard grumblings about how this record wasn't up to their previous releases, but I could not disagree more; these tunes are well crafted, and will remain in my head for fucking days...even if they are more "accessible" or mellow, fuck it, they are great. The Danish press sold out in minutes, but thankfully Armageddon has brought it back! (Armageddon Label, PO Box 56, Providence, RI 02901) (-Robert)

GRIDE - 1996-2003 CD Total manic metallic grind mayhem. 49 tracks spanning seven brutal years, culminating in 2003's "Tanec Blaznu" 12 inch, which sounds as sick as any metal/grind record could. The early days are more straightforward crust/grind, with a much rawer sound (not surprisingly). Technical without ever entering that awful world of tech metal, but instead there are periodic guitar leads or effects (especially on the MRTVA BUOUCNOST split) that remind you that GRIDE are definitely thinking about what they are doing. Instead of simply producing a full frontal attack, GRIDE have almost completely evolved musically, and only the drummer and singer have stuck through the whole experience, but this Czech band delivers powerful destructive music...some might even say extreme, but I would stop short of that oft abused adjective. I am not really a fan of the style that they play, but this holds my interest, even for most of these 49 songs. There's also a CD file with videos, flyer art and enough photos to keep you occupied for most of the disc. (Piazzma c/b Petr Frinta, Mensikova 88/236, c/z 160 00Prague 6 Czech Republic/gride.core@worldonline.cz) (-Robert)

GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT - RONALD MCWOMITS 14 SONG HAPPY MEAL 7" This is old school bare bones raw punk rock with high-pitched female vocals. It's played fast, frantic and to the point with no distortion, a raw sound, wailing guitar accents to the short fast and punk songs. Lyrically about everything from plastic surgery, big brother, corporate America and dyk punk. Features Mr. Bob Suren on Bass. (Bacon Towne Rec/PO Box 1063/Tallavest FL 34270/www.upthefuckingpinks.com) (-Chris)

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year and made me totally crazy. I was so into it. So needless to say, I was pretty happy to have it on a CD cause for me it means I'll listen to it a lot more. This band is from Poland, by way of Germany, and draws heavily on the doom style of bands like 13. Super dry toned heavy, slow and dirgey sour noted grooves, with a girly female singer who's voice is really cool. This is a band that could get swept up into the Doom/Stoner rock scene here in the US, though their roots are surely more punk and crust. Kinda like Graves at Sea or Kylesa can bridge works. Which is kinda how 13 was too.

Kinda comparable to Lost as well. (Crimes Against Humanity/PO Box 1421/Eau Claire WI 54703 /www.cahrecords.com) (-Chris)

ISKRA - THE TERRORIST ACT EP 7" I think that Iskra must be both the most metal and most anarchist, and definitely the most anarchist metal band around. They play these blistering Boltthrower type riffs and make epic songs, but they also work in some total blast beat manic thrashing parts and blood curdling vocals that are almost more than my ears can handle. The recording quality on this is kinda fuzzy, which adds an extra layer of mayhem to both the thrashing chaos and the girly vocals. The lyrics are amazing and long to match the songs, delving into the current state of paranoia, security and surveillance for potential terrorists, plus a dig into the state of things in Canada in regards to corporate power and corrupt politics. I have mad respect and ultra kind words about this band from Victoria Canada, but the vocal style is harsh! (Unrest Records/ Suite 239/10654 82 Ave Edmonton AB TGE 2A7 Canada/www.unrestrecords.com) (-Chris)

JOHN KASTNER - HAVE YOU SEEN LUCKY COLE? Apparently, Boss Tuneage is approaching a small handful of power-pop superstars and putting out new records by them, thereby proving that they still have it. John Kastner used to front the Doughboys and he's now in All Systems Go! This record is kind of a blend of everything Kastner has been involved with, both musically and personally. He's got some pretty awesome guests on this record with him including Lee Ving from Fear and Karl Alvarez from The Descendents and ALL, oh yeah, and some guy from Rush. Evan Dando even took a bunch of photos for the layout. This is amazing. (Boss Tuneage, P.O. Box 74, Sandy, Bedfordshire, SG19 2WB, UK, www.bosstuneage.com) -tnt

JUVENTUD CRASA - AADA AGUIA Y MEZCLE CD Juventud Crasa are from Puerto Rico. All of their songs are in Spanish. They play very energetic punk rock drawing from all kinds of subgenre. They blend West Coast (US) style surf-rippy punk rock with straightforward street punk, from out of nowhere comes a harpsichord (!!!) It sounds ok and they look like they are having

fun in the photos on their myspace profile (they don't have a website). (Discos de Hoy, c/o Jose Ibanez, Calle 4, C-5 Parque Montebello, Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico 00976) -tnt

KNUCKLESCRAPER - KNUCKLESCRAPER A.K.A. MAX ISN'T THE BASTARD EP I wonder what power violence bands do when they don't live on a coast? "Rust Belt Power Violence" doesn't have the same ring. Neither does "Great Plains Power Violence." But "Gulf Coast Power Violence"? Now that is the shit. 12 songs in a blink of the eye, completely annihilating everything in its path. While songs like "Max Isn't The Bastard" and "Dissin' The Fuzz Never Gets Old" prove that they have a sense of humor (mandatory in any PV resume), "Terminal" and "Big Man" are as heavy and dare I say Powerful, as anything thing out there...coastal or otherwise. I don't know how one keeps up with 625...there's too much good shit out there. I barely know how Max keeps up with himself. (www.625trash.com) (-Robert)

KONTEMPT - S.I.T. 7" First of all - nice looking record artwork. This is a crusty punk band from Montreal. They're got a super fuzzed out distorted sound quality and deep vocals with a massive echo on them ala a certain era of Discharge. The d-beats are raging, the Dis-styled guitar tempo is raging. The spikes and bullet belts are showing through and the pummeling rage carries on. Discharge worship all around. (The Total End Records/ 25 St. Augustine St./ W. Hartford CT 06110 /lbrache@aol.com/Kontemp/PO Box 80, Stn. C/ Montreal QC H2L 4J7 Canada) (-Chris)

KORPIKLAANI - TALES ALONG THIS ROAD CD I'm an absolute nut about this Finnish folk metal band. I swear they're a bunch of pagan earth punks that have emerged from the forest in crazy medieval gear and they play a rollicking sort of cross between a traditional Finnish or Celtic style with a modern metal and punk twist. Though I know there is nothing punk about them, nor do they associate themselves with punk - that is my own tag, but damn I just love this shit. They play fast as hell with a boundless energy, a huge and some other traditional instruments that play this

could sound similar, but these boys sing in Swedish. And they deliver some good fist in the air raging punk rock that doesn't forsake a catchy tempo. Featuring members from a whole slew of legendary bands (Totalitar, Nasum, Meänvärld and Disear), this is a solid fucking rager here! (Communicus Media/PO Box 825/36 Stockholm Sweden/www.communicus.com/distro through Profane Existence/PO Box 8722/Mpls MN 55408/www.profanexistence.com) (-Chris)

KUNG FU RICK - FRAGMENTS OF THE PAST TIME 2xCD What to say, really? Midwest grind/



up with tons of crappy demo recordings and live songs (though the live record is included, but it was a damn record, so kinda has to be on the discography, eh?), and the few "miscellaneous" tracks are all top quality. The drums have always been a focus for the KFR fans: relentless blasts and double bass...just watching John 2 sit (well, sometimes fly) behind the kit while pounding the shit out of everything in sight was exhausting. But add in the snarl/shriek/guttural vocals from Durkan/Dark Enforcer/Dave, the blown to shit bass, and John/Dan battling most crunching, metal riffs, and speed picking guitars? The result was an awesome live spectacle. Spiteful and forthright with their lyrics, but never too serious for their own good, in word or deed. Kung Fu Rick was adored in the Midwest for good reason: the current crop of power violence kids should take a nod this way for intensity. No liners notes though, which is a shame...they probably just would have written stories about how much they hated each other. Actually, that would have been pretty rad. (www.625trash.com) (-Robert)

LA QUIETE - TENEFUN CD La Quiete play emotional, screaming, chaotic hardcore, Italian style. You know the type. Lots of screaming. Not my thing. I guess this is for fans of Orchid, Envy, and Pg. 99, or so the press sheet says. Maybe it's your thing. (The Perpetual Motion Machine, P.O. Box 657, Hamilton, VA 20159) -tnt

LAHEMPANA LOPPA - 577 7" Like this cause it sounds like old punk, it's got a catchy rhythmic quality that is also explosive with an old-school Finnish roots punk style. They've got a female vocals that sound really rad. In fact, it's the singer from Life is a Riot (a band I really liked) and this band also features two members from Unkind (another band I really like), so no surprise that this is so good to my ears. In fact I think this is my favorite new thing I've heard from the great white northlands. Solid, heavy and powerful in a straight forward way. Damn good. (Fight Records/Häviövenkanta/17 D 36/33710 Tampere Finland/www.kolumbus.fi/fight/www.lahempanaloppa.com) (-Chris)

LEFT HAND PATH - THE WRECKAGE 7" 6 songs about being mad at the world with no end in sight. This has the occasional bursts of speed, but mostly follows the slow hard mosh element throughout. Straight forward stuff here, with hints at NYHC in the music and the panned lyrics. (Organized Crime Records, P.O. Box 213, Brookfield, 60513 www.organizedcrimerecords.com) (Dave)

LIMP WHIST - WANT US DEAD EP LIMP WHIST is punk. Raw guitars, and Marlin's trademark shouting combine with drums worthy of NEGATIVE APPROACH (he's a fucking metronome beat there) and a solid foundation laid by a bassist who loves BLOC PARTY. Far and away their best release to date, these four songs scrap the kitsch and humor of being a queer band that sings about fucking and picking up guys at punk shows, and has evolved into a fucking punk band who sings about being pissed and not being victimized and fighting back. "Want Us Dead" drives a hard bobbing beat right into your brain, and then "Take Fags" eschews it's mellow intro for the most blistering song the band has ever written, and the best one as well. 100% great record. (Lengua Armata/Chaat Art Records) (-Robert)

LIVING HELL - SILENT EP 7" Demo from the best era of Living Hell hardcore, now back

LOVESICK-DISCOGRAPHY-CD Listening to this kind of reminds me of listening to the guy at the bar crying over his ex-girlfriend who cheated on him. I guess it's really just the singer and his voice that remind me of that. It's really hard to get past his voice it's so off key Emo it's almost like fingerpals on the chalkboard. Which is a shame cause the music is pretty good straightforward rocking emo hardcore. I really wish I could get past the vocals because they do a slow pretty song with a female singer which I think is totally nice and catchy. I recommend anyone who likes screaming off key whiney vocals to go out and pick this up because you will probably adore this. (Hilaria/ 7205 Geronimo/ NLR AR 72116/seemyotherdance.com) (european)

LUCKA - UNNERVING DEPTH OF BLACK CD A "hauntcore" band from Oregon (their term, not mine). Mostly slow/mid tempo skudge with effect laden vocals, the songs are pretty short, and there are a few killer stoner riffs buried in these songs. They said they were upgraded from the two piece on this recording to a full band...if they would pick up the tempo as well, I would be stoked. (Stolen Ghost, 1715 West 12th #7, Eugene, OR 97402) (-Robert)

MAN MADE FILTH - 57 CD I really liked this one. I was getting all into the male/female dual vocalled crusty punk style, picturing they were from Connecticut for some reason, kinda made me think of the AOS crew I guess. But they are actually a Dutch band, from the Netherlands, which isn't really a surprise to me since I love the Euro-crust punk. Actually the funny thing is that I had reviewed a split CD some time ago (seems like a couple years) with this band, and I freaked out, I loved it, contacted them, etc. But it took till now to get the newer recordings. Well they're still hard to reach (no address) it seems, but they're a great band! Delivering punmiking raging beats with piercing and up front dual vocals with a good triumphant weaving quality as well. Woo-hoo! (Dead by Dawn Records/no contact/manmade57@gmail.com) (-Chris)

MANIFESTO JUKEBOX - STRAIN CD Third album from these Finns, and this one really sets them firmly on their own ground. There are influences from all over the place, and hints of FUGAZI, LEATHERFACE and several other bands can be heard, but this is a MANIFESTO JUKEBOX record. Guitars that jangle and dance all through the songs, and speaking of dancing, even an AGAINST ME! fan would embrace these uptempo beats. Just a few songs in and I'm hooked, this is the furthest thing from a hardcore record but it is catchy as hell, and even the very accessible vocal harmonies do not turn me off in the least. Sounds perfect, and looks spectacular...I'm going to be spending a lot of time with this disc. For fans of AMATEUR PARTY, later HUSKER DU, JAWBREAKER, HOT WATER MUSIC and the like...shit, for fans of anything with a good melody. (Combat Rock Industry, Fredrikinkatu 58, 00100 Helsinki FINLAND, www.combatrockindustry.net) (-Robert)

MASSMORDE - INGET LIV/INGET DOD CD Yep, this is totally my kinda thing. Dark, heavy Swedish hardcore crust punk. They play at a pretty fast ripping pace and deliver the pummeling raging beats in a fury. The male/female dual vocals are delivered in a trade off style. They manage to have a totally blistering sound while also having some melody. After I listen to this a hundred more times I'll have a hundred more songs to say, but for now, knowing that there is another amazing apocalyptic dark heavy crust punk band for me to love is enough! (CD: Crimes Against Humanity/PO Box 1421/Eau Claire WI 54703/www.cahrecords.com/LP: Fight Records/Häviövenkanta 17 D 36/33710 Tampere Finland/www.kolumbus.fi/fight) (-Chris)

MAXIMUM PENALTY - DEMO #9 EAST SIDE STORY CD I first heard MP on the "Where The Wild Things Are" NYHC comp many years ago, and they stood out mostly because of the vocals. They were melodic & still "hard", totally complementing the music with equal delivery. This CD compiles their demo from that late-80's era, as well as an EP that came out in the 90's. This has some of the same song structure as a band like Absolution, with interesting elements thrown in lyrically & musically all over the place. I wasn't as much of a fan of the ESS EP, as it strayed from what really caught my attention about them in the first place. Their demo is definitely the best stuff they ever did, in my opinion. (iScream Records, PO Box 46608, Los Angeles, CA 90046/www.iccreamrecords.com) (Dave)

MISERY INDEX - DISCORDIA CD Ahh yep, the new Misery Index. 3 of the previous 4 members of Dying Fetus (Butal Death Metal from Maryland), branched out after the departure from the well known band. And have quickly over the past years made quite a name for themselves! Jason (former vocalist/Bass player of Dying Fetus) takes the front man position in this sickness!! More of a higher vocal assault, Really great politically oriented Death/Grind! Sparky (Sadistic Torment, Dying Fetus) mans the guitars, with a more old school feel on guitar in the role of Terrorizer, and with a new feel in the vein of bands like Rotten Sound, Leng T'ech, etc. Over all, a great band! (Relapse, 1720 State Rd, Upper Darby, PA 19082/www.relapse.com) (Barett)

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD - MERCILESS CD I've been trying to hear this band for years, but for some reason, they seem to have gotten really popular within a different scene that I frequent usually, and not only have I never seen them, but I never even got a hold of a record in the past. Out of the ashes of Indecision, this is a NYC hardcore band with a metal edge, but they are definitely a hardcore band and do not go for any of the modern new gimmicks that are associated with the more popular metal-hardcore bands, which is kind of refreshing. The vocal style is much more straight forward and hold down a distinct NY Hardcore style, more like the old days than the new school tough growls. It starts out epic as hell, and there is really no way I can not love this powerhouse. (www.lust4kill.com) (-Chris)

MOUTH OF THE ARCHITECT - THE DEB THAT BLIND CD So I had high hopes for this, as they've got a sound quality that really appeals to me. Dark and heavy, yet melodic and layered. And when they push it full on, damn it's good. But, they spend more of the time in the quiet parts and that just makes me impatient. The Neurosis and Isis comparisons are inevitable, even if they think they've moved beyond that. There is still a quality that I greatly appreciate and am interested in - built want the rage and blasting assault of guttural power unleashed, not the mellow quiet anticipation of such. (www.translatoria.com) (-Chris)

MOUTH SEWN SHUT - PANDEMIG - SOLUTION CD Starting as straight forward crust, this CD bounces back & forth with reggae/ska bits that is a unique combo. It's almost like a hostile-ska-punk hybrid, with even the slow parts still sounding raw like a fresh picked scab. This features 2 members each from Toxic Narcotic & The Profits. (Rödent Popsicle Records, PO Box 1143, Allston, MA 02134/www.rodentpopsicle.com) (Dave)

MY WAR - DEMO 2006 The Richmond hardcore band has gone through a lot of changes and evolution in recent years. Their current sound is much heavier than in the past. I like them before, with their older hardcore style (I often compared them to Black Flag, probably cause they did a cover and well the name) but these days they're not sounding so Black Flag at all in fact, with new members and some time passing, they're just playing heavier and heavier, mixing up the drge with a chunky tempo. The vocals are continually deep and guttural, and I love it. (www.my-war.net/mywarva@gmail.com) (-Chris)

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PANIC-Circles CD After an all too quick demise. Panic are back! Formed from the ashes of The Trouble (another Boston band that nuked). Gibby handled frontman duties in Panic like a man possessed. The band did 2 EP's for Bridge 9... and then crumbled. They were offered a one-off reunion show slot at a European fest... and soon after the band realized they could should start up again. These 6 songs are the result of the reformed band hammering out tunes again, and Gibby is even more pissed! I'd compare it to The Nervous Agents in a total complimentary way, and the lyrics are all about the here & now... the good, the bad & the ugly of the world through Gibby's eyes. I was skeptical of them reforming... but I am now stoked after hearing this! (Reflections Records, Klerndalseeveg 456-457, 6822 GW Arnhem, The Netherlands www.reflectionsrecords.com) (Dave)

PARALLAX-MEDIUMS & MESSAGES CD So I like the discordant hardcore style, and I was kinda into this. They play that combo of discordant angst edged hardcore, with more melodic guitar lines worked into the weave, and a mally kind of technical precision which keeps it kinda jammy. They've got a lot of sincerity behind this as is evident in the lengthy lyrics and explanations, which include social issues, homophobia, domination of Mormonism (and it's problems) in Utah where the band is from, and general questioning of life, alienation, the role of maleness in society, and many other issues. Sadly, the singer passed away prior to the release of this CD. (\$10pp/Counter Intelligence Recording/O Box 65215/ Hampton VA 23665 /www.goldenspinmusic.com) (-Chris)

PATENT PENDING-SAVE THE CHILDREN, THE WHALES ARE DOING FINE CD I am known for being some crappy embarrassing pop punk. I even almost got into a fight because of wearing a Blink 182 t-shirt to a party but there is really no excuse for this record. Imagine an amalgamation of every radio pop punk band and that's what this sounds like. They even have the prerequisite screams behind the melodic singing, the youth crew breakdowns, and ska parts in some of their songs. If you are a major label record executive take notice this is everything you've ever wanted but if you are a fan of pop punk go buy the Drunken Boat record.

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POSER DISPOSER - YOU DON'T COUNT EP Canadian plains fury!! Uter metallic driving hardcore that combines elements of modern technical metal/hardcore with other decidedly crust elements (like "Asshole Magnet", the best song on the record). I bet the drummer was/does double duty in a metal band, the beats are just so precise, and the blasting, though sparse, is perfect. All three members trade vocals, ranging from death metal growls to 80s hardcore shouting. No solos, though soaring leads poke their heads out of the clouds in a couple of songs, the focus here is on ramming the rock right through your ears...and in that effort they have succeeded. (Unrest Records, Suite 239-10654 82 Ave., Edmonton, Alberta Canada) (-Robert)

QUILLS - 7" Black on black printed cover of winged skull artwork, this looks like something I'd like. It's thick and heavy on the drop tuned distortion. Kinda on the slow and sludgy side without staying that way and flips to blasting fast beats before you know it. Self described as grindcore, but I wouldn't say that myself, more like a diversely influenced style of hardcore. Features x and current members of Ruiner, Misery Index and Swarm of the Lotus. One sided record on nice grey swirl vinyl. (Buried Bridges/2981 Falls Rd/Bmore MD 2121V/www.buriedbridges.net) (-Chris)

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REVOLT RECORDS-Camp CD Here we have a compilation CD from the Label Revolt Records (formerly known as Revolt Tapes, and Comprehension Fanzine). About 17 tracks, including mostly grind bands like: Speck, Collapsion, Eyston, Emole, Total Fucking Destruction, More Bad News, Angry Minded, Co-Exist, and Dreaded Solution. Some good tracks on here, and it's comes with a Revolt Records Zine, featuring most of the bands. Contact: (The only contact I could find is of a Russian Grid C-band called "Smersh" co Evgeniy Aralin, Suhova 25-59, 400002, Volgograd, Russia/c.e.mal: smersh@rtn.ru) (Barrett)

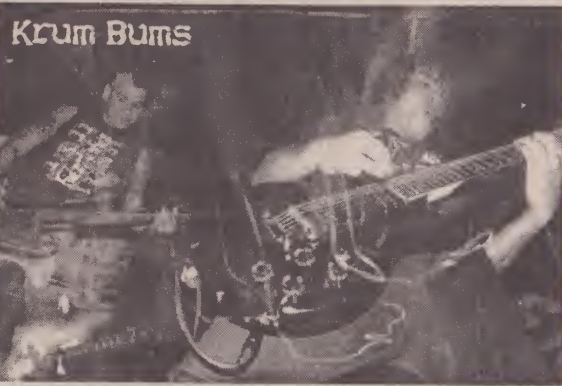
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Ness, Hawthorne, CA 90250) (Dave)

SINKING SHIPS - DISCONNECTING CD This really came out of left field with a clean sound that finds a harmonious middle ground between rockin' hardcore and yelled vocals. It had me wanting to listen to my Count Me Out records again, as it leans towards that sound, where the songs are fast - but not just a blur. There are even some slower parts that have an almost Dischord or even Strike Anywhere climate to them. Good stuff all the way through these 12 tracks. (Revelation Records, PO Box 5232, Huntington Beach, CA 92615-5232 www.revelationrecords.com) (Dave)

SKINLESS-TRAMPLE THE WEAK, HURDLE THE DEAD CD This is what I'm talking about! After 2 fucking great demos back in the early 90's and the incredible debut CD "Progression Towards Evil", the band kind of went down hill (as far as Brutal Death Metal Goes) Their last album on release went pretty much sucked shit!! Even the cover art was horrible!! And Shenwood, I guess went towards a more while collar type of life. Anyway, the new Skinless, takes the fan back to the great days of the band!! Galchy songs, ultra brutal, and with the addition of the new vocalist, it brings new blood to the band!! This is a fucking great CD. Recommended!! (Relapse, 1720 State Rd., Upper Darby, PA 19082 /www.tocmp3.com/skinless) (Barrett)

SKINNED ALIVE - HORRIBLE ACTS demo CD A new Oakland band featuring STFU and BLOWN TO BITS dudes backing up some seriously depraved female howls. From dirty mad lempo punk to raw ass raging crust and back again, usually by way of a quick guitar or bass break to slow things back down. This is still pretty rough, but the assault is clearly on, and I still can't get over how killer the vocals are: a searal weapon! There ever was one. Oh, and they included their phone numbers as contact...how gloriously 90s! Call 'em up and get a demo. (Tony: 510-597-0905) (-Robert)

SL-27 CD This is a limited edition low CD from this Belgium band so I'm not even sure you can buy this. I can understand using CD's for their cheapness in getting the music out their but limited edition just seems so unnecessary to me. Ok this band is blast beats, some hardcore riling and melodic breakdowns accompanied by screamed vocals. That's really all I can say about it cause that's exactly what it is. The lyrics are very political in a punk/ra left (not in a democratic type of way) perspective. This is pretty good for what it is but it's not really forging new ground or even putting a new spin on a sound. (Stig K/koekoekst, 7/2400 Belgium p/xankmaster@hotmail.com) (European)

SPIT BANJAX/VOETSEK split CD Two killer female thrash bands sharing one comically short CD. BANJAX from Tokyo are blown out raging Japanese hardcore (the second track nods especially to the classic: style the island nation is famous for). The vocals range from lunelul singing like SLEEPERS, (but drier) to fully distorted NO VALUE style screams, and they will do so in the same verse. Fuzzed guitar leads and a bass whose in-lune-ness is strongly debatable seal the deal, and I wish this was more than a brief introduction to this band...awesome shit. Bay Area giants VOETSEK deliver six songs in less time than it took BANJAX to go through four. There is one VOETSEK track that barely crosses the minute mark, but, to be fair, the first 43 seconds are taken up by the intro, and the last 9 are occupied by whippers and giggles. Metallic thrashing madness with monstrous marble mouth snarls. And one guitar solo, roughly 4 seconds long. (MCR Company, 157 Kamiyama Maizuru Kyoto 624-0913 JAPAN, www.sound pollution.com) (-Robert)

SPIT BLACK SS/RAINING BRICKS split CD BSS have that tough-but-mealhard hardcore sound not far from a band like Kill Your Idols, and RB's have more of a guitar-centered sound like R'n'R pulled off well. Two bands blending well on this release. BSS being more to my liking though. (Organized Crime Rec., P.O. BOX 213, Brookfield, IL 60513/www.organizedcrimerecords.com) (Dave)

SPIT BUSH/DICK CHENEY split CD First up is Bush who play thrashy punk rock that reminds me of older S.O.C.A. hardcore punk bands and a little of Los Cruces but that just may be because they sing the majority of their songs in Spanish. Well I could erase that last line and look much less stupid but upon closer look I think they are actually singing in Portuguese and that they are from Brazil. The one song that is in English is about you guessed it Bush's war. This is really pretty good. Dick Cheney are from Sweden and play really fast punk rock that sounds like it's straight out of the 80's, twangy outlaws and all. I really like this band and they at least have

Released for last year's west coast assault that I couldn't fly out for because my mom was in town...minus 18 punk points. GAUZE cover on here as well, and you know that means that NK6 have massive respect in Japan. Absolutely essential for the crasher set...my favorite record this issue. (www.625shash.com) (-Robert)

SPIT: FIGHT AMPUTATION/EXOSUS - SPLIT CD 5 songs between these two bands, both playing a cross between crusty & outright metallic noise. FA are cleaner in their delivery with 3 songs of metallic outbursts. Exosus go a drier route, sounding much sludgy with the pace kept slow & heavy for the most part. (Kordova Milk Bar Records, PO Box 145, Hope Valley, RI 02832) (Dave)

SPIT: HALF THE BATTLE/PLAY/FEUD split CD Three killer Philippino hardcore bands sharing a disc. HALF THE BATTLE start off with burly metallic youth crew; the singer's been gargling with razor blades again, the songs here are fucking chaotic as hell (especially "Article" which is so totally all over the place that I get tired just listening to the minute and a half long track), and the crew backs it up in every song, as they should. PLAY are more bare bones straight up SxS hardcore with lyrics about coming together and working together and raw thin guitars that buzzsaw their way through seven tunes. FEUD bridge the gap between the two bands; heavy as bricks and in your face fastcore with plenty of breakdowns and sing alongs...FEUD are full of fucking energy, and I can only imagine the live shows are the same! Quality SE Asian hardcore here. (Delusion Of Terror, 299 Binoig, Plaridel, Bulacan 3004 PHILIPPINES, www.lakelourcollective.com) (-Robert)

SPIT: KILL THE FALL/HELLAPHANT - SPLIT CD KTF really remind me of a more-garage Hookers, with their lo-fi style getting pounded by straight rock n roll guitars. Hellaphant go more for a more drum-driven sound, with an almost Unbroken-sound to them. (trapcendrecords@yahoo.com/killhellaphant.com) (Dave)

SPIT: MISCHIEF BREW/BREAD AND ROSES - LOVED AND UNRESPECTED 7" I don't really know anyone who doesn't love Eric Peterson AKA Mischief Brew or maybe it's just that I refuse to listen to anyone who doesn't. He is one of the most fun performers I've ever seen and I've seen him a lot. Somehow he has been able to translate all that energy and fun into his records and this one is no different. His side consists of two songs one old folkly number "Precher" which was originally penned by the great Joe Hill and one of his own sadder super catchy folk punk hits, Nomads. It's a about punks selling out (growing up) and cutting their dreams just like I did last year! don't want to take credit for this because I heard this song long before I let my mullet go. Bread and Roses are a more old timey punk rock band. They have much more insinuation than Mischief Brew. Their first song is a slow and beautiful ballad about getting old or at least older which perfectly matches the Eric Peterson song with the same theme and their second is a much more upbeat and faster paced song about bosses. Both sides of this 7" are amazing and better yet they compliment each other musically and thematically making a great total package. (European) This is an acoustic split from my favorite punk folk hero, Erik Peterson and the Mischief Brew, who have had songs, one of which is the Nomads Revolt which is possibly my favorite song - about the old punks growing old and settling down. Sigh, the Preacher & The Slave has a cow-poke down country style to it. Bread & Roses are from Massachusetts, they play a somewhat traditional style of acoustic folk music with traditional instruments and multiple vocals. One song is a mello one and one more foot stomping raucous. (Fistful/PO Box 2836/Upper Darby PA 19082) (-Chris)

SPLIT: PHOBIA/SKRUEP - ANOTHER FOUR YEARS OF MURDER SPLIT CD Phobia, another one of my long time favorite bands! I have to say, on this CD, they still alter all these years, still don't disappoint!! Ultra grinding grindcore w/ a death metal touch. Imagine Disrupt's "Unrest" album on crack and you have this great split! Now as for Skruep, I'm not impressed!! I've never heard this band before! But, it's just boring straight forward grind. Nothing stands out, just blast beats, on top of blast beats. But it's worth the purchase for the Phobia side!! Contact: CAH Records, PO Box 1421, Eau Claire, WI 54602/www.cahrecords.com) (Barrett)

SPIT: SEEN RED/HAMMER split EP Another in Armageddon's series of awesome old bands being paired up with awesome new ones, this time we've got HAMMER Dutch thrashcore and driving Japanese hardcore punk. Most folks are familiar with HAMMER by now, with 2 US tours and as many 12" records under their belts, and these two tracks are more of their perfectly executed fist in the air bouncing hardcore with epic crew vocals backing up the frontman snarls. Holland's SEEN RED have been busy as hell for the last 15 years or so, releasing dozens of records over that span. This installment includes two burners recorded back in 1997, and a "new" track recorded in 2003. The old songs are straightforward HC punk, totally great, but suffer from a drum heavy/low guitar recording. The '03 track is a total onslaught, blasting it's way through just under one minute of rage against godpunks...this track would sit just fine along the XBRXIAN record (a compliment), even though those kids weren't even born when LARM started. Wow. (Armageddon/PO Box 56, Providence, RI 02901) (-Robert)

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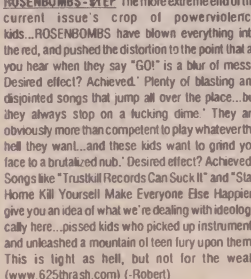
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Split: PHOBIA/SKRUEP - ANOTHER FOUR YEARS OF MURDER SPLIT CD Phobia, another one of my long time favorite bands! I have to say, on this CD, they still after all these years, still don't disappoint!! Ultra grinding grindcore w/a death metal touch. Imagine Disrupt's "Unrest" album on crack and you have this great split! Now as for Skrupel, I'm not impressed! I've never heard this band before! But, it's just boring straight forward grind, nothing stands out, just blast beats, on top of blast beats. But it's worth the purchase for the Phobia side! Contact: CAH Records, PO Box 1421, Eau Claire, WI 54602/www.cahrecords.com) (Barrett)

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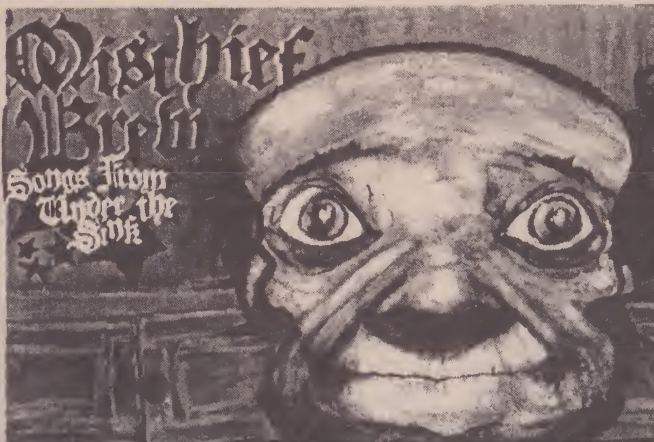
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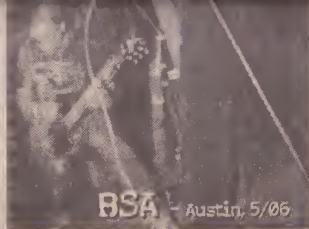
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SPLIT: UNHOLY GRAVE/THE VANISHING ACT - SPLIT 7" EP Well, if you don't know Unholy Grave by now, you need to check your scene card! Although, very underground Unholy Grave carved a name for themselves in the crust punk underground! And they don't disappoint on this release! SH!K, sick Japanese grinding, noisy, punk, and The Vanishing Act. I've never heard them before, there were screamy punk based grind! I think it's offal, the singer sounds like somebody grabbed a hold of his testicles and was squeezing them the whole time he was attempting to sing! I really don't like it! (Sir Punky Records, 1435 Bedeque Court, Ottawa, ON K1C 3H2, Canada) (Barrett)

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STARS AND STRIPES - ONE MAN ARMY CD It's been over 15 years since the first Stars and Stripes release, and Jack Kelly (aka Choke from Slap Shot) is back at it again on 'One Man Army'. This time around, with an almost entirely new line-up the themes have strayed away from just American Shindig Pride (which the 1st LP was drenched in) & goes more for a hooligan-meets-street-rock feel. There isn't much of a sketchy element this time around either, just rockin' or intensity. If this release means that S&S will be playing shows - more power to them - and I'll be sure to go, I am not holding my breath on this, since even Slap Shot seem to be dormant again, so who knows? (I Scream Records, PO Box 46608, Los Angeles, CA 90046 www.icscreamrecords.com) (Dave)

STENCH - MORAL DEBAUCHERY 7" Gosh damn, this is fucking punk. Old-school 77 English punk, that is moral back in the day and across the pond. The recording sounds like the early 80s. Good strong poppy beat, super strong English accented vocals. I was always really into this style, so it still catches my ear. Not crazy at all about the syringe on the cover, whatever the point is. And does it stand the test of time? - it does, especially if you like this genre of old-school UK punk. I don't make me that crazy though these days. (Puke n' Vom! PO Box 3435/Fullerton CA 92834/www.pukenvomrecords.com) (Chris)

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rather hard-to-find. I saw this band live at the Rock n Roll Shakedown in 2000 in Las Vegas... and I walked away when they were done as a super-fan. When this thing originally came out in 1995 it became an instant classic for all who heard it, selling out numerous pressings on vinyl & CD. TKO knew this thing needed the re-issue treatment, and kept the OG layout intact with the simple bright pink & black attack. The music is not a rehash of punk's glory days - but it IS a window into a '77 time-machine with them as your pilot! 8 songs including a Shane MacGowan cover tune. Every Stitches release is great, and this is where it all began. (TKO/Vinyl Dog Records, 8941 Atlanta Ave., Suite 505, Huntington Beach, CA 92646 www.tkorecords.com) (Dave)

THE WORLD INFERNO FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY - RED-EYED SOUL CD Definitely one of the strangest bands that falls into the S&L family and the world of underground punk. And I'd say with this new release that without a history of connection, I'd probably say "what the hell is this?" and pass it a long. An ensemble of more musicians that I could count, with a full on circus orchestra of vaudeville show tunes, these strange folks have a piano, horn section, wear fancy clothes and have a suave singer unlike anyone you'll ever see or meet anywhere else. There is an invigorating quality to this band no doubt, and it's easy to be swayed into the dancing riffs and revival-like energy. This new recording seems more suave and a bit less crazed and dancy to my ears. They've just been on a huge tour, no doubt supporting this new release and spreading their charm. (Chunksaah Records/PO Box 977/Asbury Park NJ 07712/www.chunksaah.com) (Chris)

THERMON MERMEN - DEMO DELISH COB This band plays short, fast and catchy pop punk songs in the vein of Dillinger 4 and all the bands who sound like them. There is also some Chrismphine influence in this but what DIY pop punk band these days doesn't have that. The music is really bass driven with a lot of bass riffs which sounds really good. I guess they have a lot of silly lyrics. This is pretty OK but their cover of White Christmas doesn't exactly end the record on a high note. Theron Mermen. (1015 Potter St/Bellingham, WA 98229/dringananchor@gmail.com) (European)

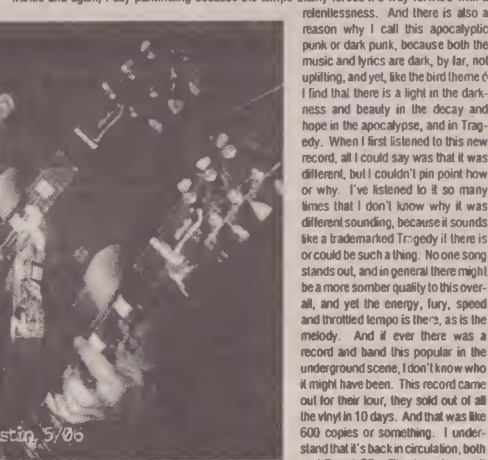
TWIN THE HERO - MOURNFUL AND OVERCAST LP I knew from the first second I saw their live that this was a favorite band, and they have continued to prove that with this new LP release that is absolutely amazing! Just the way I like it, they play the dark punk, combining raging metallic riffs, pummeling drums with weaving melodic guitars just to keep this in balance. It's delivered with that pitch and style that makes me swoon and feel all triumphant. Actually it just makes me smile (as I swoon) cause this is dead on how I like my punk. Dual female and male vocals, deliver the dark themed apocalyptic punk about the bleakness of society, nationality, consumerism, consumption and destruction. But again, I see the hope in all this bleakness. Shit damn, this is so good it makes me insane! I know I rave about favorite bands all the time, but this is really the deal here. These Chicago kids have absolutely kicked my ass in half - creating the most perfect metallic driven punk raging desolation pummeling tragic punk of torry. Fucking fuck yeah already!!!! (I am not positive that this is the label that put this out, cause it's not printed on the sleeve, but they also did the No Slogan EP, so at the very least they can get ya going in the right direction!) (A Wrench in the Gear/PO Box 476903/Chicago IL 60647) (Chris)

THINGS FALL APART - CD This CD is all hand-made: silk-screened on a fold-out cardstock cover with stickers and cards such inside. It's the kind of packaging that totally appeals to me, but these days you really never know what sound or genre you're in for. I was pleasantly surprised to find this to be a great mix of hardcore punk that ranges from the discordant, to heavy, to the scream to the catchy and melodic. All totally solid, full of energy, and super fucking good. The diversity is great and the combination works so well. It was one of my favorite CDs this time around though it tends to be much more on the melodic emo hardcore tip of the late 90s than I normally go hog wild over. A nice refreshing change of pace though. (Crustacean Records/PO Box 829/Madison WI 53701/www.thingsfallapart.com) (Chris)

TIM BARRY - LAUREL ST. DEMO 2005 CD Tim is a writing machine. He sits on his porch, drinks beer and plays his guitar. As Avail has slowed down a bit in recent years, Tim has started writing more of his own songs and he's played some shows and now recorded some of his solo songs. If you know Tim, or at least his song writing style (and if you are an Avail fan, then you sorta do) then you might kinda know what to expect, except that this is all acoustic, and it's emotional and pretty gut wrenchingly sad at times. Hobnob and train riding, watching the world fall apart, and being content with a simple life. When I listen to Tim's songs my heart weeps. I love his lyrics and songs, even if they do get me a bit at times. He has a way of speaking to the isolation, the depression, the anxiety that we all feel in one way or another, and with a down home style that is akin to a cross between a bluesman and a troubadour. (Dirtnap Records, 2615 SE Clinton St., Portland, OR 97202/www.dirtnaprecords.com) (nt)

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hard to put simply into words, but I can't help but feel like everything in my life, and all the influences of punk history have brought us to this point in time where we have Tragedy and they are my favorite band. Perfect. That is saying a lot, I know, but I mean it. Their music is dark and heavy and pummeling. The dual vocal style is right on and both Todd and Billy's vocals are so distinct and they merge together so well. The songs are powerful, triumphant and catchy, amidst the utter desolation and darkness. The guitars are both heavy and melodic with what I call the weaving guitar patterns. The tonal qualities are perfect and make me swoon. The drumming is frantic and again, I say pummeling because the tempo utterly forces it's way forward with a reason why. And there is also a reason why I call this apocalyptic punk or dark punk, because both the music and lyrics are dark, by far, not uplifting, and yet, like the bird theme I find that there is a light in the darkness and beauty in the decay and hope in the apocalypse, and in Tragedy. When I first listened to this new record, all I could say was that it was different, but I couldn't pin point how or why. I've listened to it so many times that I don't know why it was different sounding, because it sounds like a trademarked Tragedy if there is or could be such a thing. No one song stands out, and in general there might be a more somber quality to this overall, and yet the energy, fury, speed and throttled tempo is there, as is the melody. And if ever there was a record and band this popular in the underground scene, I don't know who it might have been. This record came out for their tour, they sold out of all the vinyl in 10 days. And that was like 600 copies or something. I understand that it's back in circulation, both on LP and CD. They're released it



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themselves and do not print a contact address for mailorder, so my suggestion is to visit your favorite record store and get yourself a copy of this masterpiece in whatever format floats your crust. Sometimes it's hard to rave in a sensible manner about your favorite band, and Tragedy truly are my favorite band. I can't get enough of their songs or their shows, but this new stuff satisfies the craving and fits my expectations perfectly. Wow!!! (Tragedy Records) (Chris)

UNCURVED FAMILY - WE COME TO ANARCHO CITY CD I guess the name change is official, but nevertheless that the punks are back! 18 more songs. Swedish BBeat hardcore super punks. Totally wasted and borderline insane. That should be all the review you need. But instead I'll tell you that there are no lyrics included, but I'll tell you that the first three tracks are: "Welcome To Anarcho City," "Divorced From Life," and "The Whole Needs More." Is that enough info? No? Well how about the relentless BBeat drum assault and the wailing guitar solos that will make even the more serious Swede-o-prime weep? What about how they sing about The Anarchy Party...and actually LIVE! said party every night on tour (though perhaps not entirely by choice)... "snicker snicker"? If I that doesn't sell you, then you wouldn't like this anyway. It rules. (Sound Pollution, PO Box 17742, Covington, TX 41017, www.sound-pollution.com) (Robert)

UNITED STATES - DIVORCE SONGS CD The United States is what happens when a bunch of dudes from New York punk bands decide that they want to play a in post-punk band. The United States has people from Ringers, Bent Outa Shape, and The Assistant. I think I like those bands better, but maybe if you like your punk rock a little more post-punk, then this is for you. The press release compares it to Fugazi or Sister-era Sonic Youth. I guess I kinda see that, but not exactly. (Iron Pier, P.O. Box 279, East Setauket, NY 11733/www.ironpier.net) (nt)

VS - ANTI DISCO LEAGUE VOL. 1 CD Phil from The Templars hand-picked some of the best Oi bands from all over the globe into a great release. In a scene that has strayed from the mainstream, this thing is packed with some no-nonsense street rock n' roll! No malark punk... No strategic product placement or endorsements...

Just 16 anthems from the bands that are keeping this often ignored scene alive. The Templars make another great song for this, as well as APA, CounterAttack, Devilskins, and many more. The hills are STILL alive with the sounds of Oi! The only thing I would have liked to had was more info/lyrics from the bands... other than that it is flawless. (TKO/Temple Combe Records, 8941 Atlanta Ave., Suite 505, Huntington Beach, CA 92646 www.tkorecords.com) (Dave)

VS - CLASS PRIDE WORLD WIDE VOL. 3 CD A third volume in the o'clocktree/punk compilation series, with bands from all over the globe - some you have heard of, and some you will hear for the first time. It has a wide variety of styles (again), and a mix of released/are/unreleased material. Hard Skin steal the show, with their comedic genius on their remixed track. There are 21 others here, including Split On Your Grave, Discipline, United Front, and others. Each band has their lyrics & contact info included too. Some of the lyrics are not in English - but not to worry, there is no "sketchy material" snuck in. (Insurgence Records, 2 Bloor St.W. Suite 100-184, Toronto, Ontario, M4W 3E2 Canada www.insurgence.net) (Dave)

VS - EURO THRASH RETRIBUTION CD The seventh installment of the sweet ass Barbaric Thrash series. Liking everything on the disc is not the point, and there are a couple of clunkers as with any compilation, but overwhelmingly this is quality shit from Euro bands you've never heard of. The styles range from fast old school punk to grinding mania, with plenty of powerlessness to fill in the gaps (this is 625, after all). My personal faves include: SIKKA (KILLER old school eastern european punk), VIOLENT PACIFICATION (who've progressed so much from the cover band they played with in 2003), SPT/PT ON IT (metallic hardcore from Hungary), BIZARRI X (30 second from

If you missed the monster tour that this purple splatter vinyl one sided six inch record was released for...then why not help Torture Garden scatter at least some of their costs on the ridiculous release. Not that ridiculous is bad, I'm just saying... (Torture Garden Picture Company, 2039 River Downs Dr., Forest Hill, MD 21050) (Robert)

VS - THE FEAR OF NOTHING IS BEGINNING OF WISDOM... COMP. CASS. I want to thank Vern Blake for resending this great comp. First of all, this is a great comp. Featuring great bands like: I'ndemonium, Anarchus, Nuclear Catfish, Pink Lincolns, Karma, The Unspiring, Youth Quake, Negative Youth, Autodensia, Declared Unpovernable, Pesilence (not the great Death Metal Band), Alawistic, Escloz Hippies and Ions more!! I'm very glad to get to hear such a great piece of history! This comp. was originally released in the early 90's!! I would highly recommend this! Vern, yes it is tough to get a small label going now days!! To me, it seems like most kids, if they don't know of the bands, they just don't care! Especially in Punk, there are so many well known bands for over the years, that unless the fan is really into the music, they don't really care to find out about new bands (great bands that have gone almost unknown, that really deserve the recognition!!) But I think the scene, is starting to get an appreciation for the older bands and the more true underground bands!! I encourage everybody to get more into the roots of the music you love! (Rapid Records, c/o Vern Blake, 7215 N. Highland Ave., Tampa, FL 33604-5434) (Barrett)

VARSITY DRAG - FOR CRYING OUT LOUD CD 18" Varsity Drag features Ben Dilly from The Lemonheads. For some of you, that's probably all that needs to be said. For those of you who need more convincing, this record is packed with all of the same elements that made the first few Lemonheads records awesome. There are nine power-pop gems on this one, full of heartbreak, past mistakes, and frustration. (Boss Tuneage, P.O. Box 74, Sandy, Bedfordshire, SG19 2WB, UK, www.bosstuneage.com) (nt)

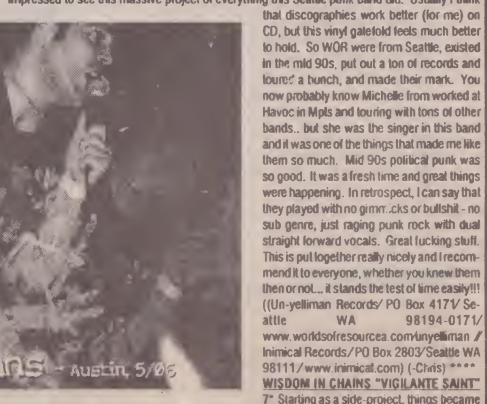
VERSE - 4 SONGS CD A reissue of the previously released EP, but this time with bonus enhanced features. Sounds like a firm blend of Champion's melody chopped up with Bane's crunch. The enhanced stuff covers footage from their 2004 tour. (Trash Art, PO Box 725, Providence, RI 02901) (Dave)

VITAMIN X - PISSED OFF CD A compilation released for their SE Asian tour last year, this takes 36 tunes from the Dutch thrashcore dudes' entire catalog. A few of the best tracks from each of their releases, going all the way back to 1998's "Straight Edge Crew," and up to '05's "Rip It Out" EP. Quality raging thrash here, though this band has certainly improved with age (even they seem to realize this, including only one song from each of their first two EPs). It's pretty cool to go back and relisten to those early records; they were always a ripping fast youth crew with hints of the thrash band they would become, and the "Down The Drain" LP is pretty much just a thrashing fastcore record. Marc's guitar has gone from a screaming noodle that makes you chuckle to an instrument of aural terror, and this new shit is truly monstrous: from THE CULT off lifted to start "Free To Kill" to simply every guitar lick on the "Rip It Out" record, VX are wailing with intensity and gang vocals. Great introduction from the band about the dedication of the kids in Asia that have been in touch with the, and there is really an awesome scene down there that was stoked to get these kids down there (as evidenced by VX's Jakarta gig to over 2,000 people). (Delusion Of Terror, 299 Binton, Plancien, Barcelona 3004 PHILIPPINES, www.lakefourcollective.com) (Robert)

WALLS OF JERICO - ALL HAIL THE DEAD CD I've been trying to hear this band for ages as well, but again (like Most Precious Blood) they just have been one step off my radar, playing to a more hardcore audience that I guess I tend to be these days. But I've read interviews in fanzines and was really interested in this band because there seemed to be a lot of thought and substance behind this band, and I was also pretty interested to hear the female vocals. Their sound is heavy ultra powerful metallic hardcore. They're got the machine gun styled drums and the surf stop guitar that accentuate the blasts. You can feel the mosh pit frenzy in front of you created by this kind of pissed off chugga chugga. I just love that it's fronted by female vocals cause that's unusual and her voice is rad and the lyrics have the depth that I expected, shedding a new perspective to the testosterone hardcore world. As one who has loved chugga heavy hardcore for years, it's nice to hear a band that I can get excited about and feel behind again. I love it! (www.bustkill.com) (Chris)

WARTORN - IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, SON AND THE HOLY WAR CD This is dark political hardcore crust punk, Wisconsin style, from members of Words that Burn. Playing in a State of Fear style of gnarled, distorted and raging riffage. Gnufl and pummeling and full of anger. This recording is a 3 piece, they've added a second guitar, so I imagine they will only get more crushing. Solid shit. (Crimes Against Humanity PO Box 142/L'au Claire WI 54703/www.caarecords.com) (Chris)

WHOREHOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - DISCOGRAPHY 1993-1999 2XLP I was so impressed to see this massive project of everything this Seattle punk band did. Usually I think that discographies work better (for me) on CD, but this vinyl gatefold feels much better to hold. So WOR were from Seattle, existed in the mid 90s, put out a ton of records and toured a bunch, and made their mark. You now probably know Michelle from worked at Havoc in Mpls and touring with lots of other bands... but she was the singer in this band and it was one of the things that made me like them so much. Mid 90s political punk was so good. It was a fresh time and great things were happening. In retrospect, I can say that they played with no gimmicks or bullshit - no sub genre, just raging punk rock with dual straight forward vocals. Great fucking stuff. This is put together really nicely and I recommend it to everyone, whether you knew them then or not... it stands the test of time easily!!! (Un-yellman Records PO Box 417/V Seattie WA 98194-0171/www.worldsolresource.com/unyellman/Inimical Records/PO Box 2803/Seattle WA 98111/www.inimical.com) (Chris) ****



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much more, and this 7" is the result. It has a Sick Of It All "Just Look Around" era sound to it, clean but not too clean - with manic paced drums keeping the pace for everyone else in the band to chase after. There is slow motion, fast thrashy-ness, and even some metallic soloing thrown in. The Black Sabbath was handled well too. A sick looking layout is just icing on the cake. (A389 Records, PO Box 12058, Baltimore, MD 21281 www.a389records.com) (Dave)

WITCH HUNT - BLOOD RED STATES LP Brand new full length LP from our Philly favorites, though actually this has been out for a few months since their tour. With a slight change on the line-up, Rob has moved from drums to second guitar, and they've got a new drummer. The sound

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THE SKUDS - ABSURD 7" This is the thickest 7" packaged sleeve ever. There's inserts and posters and all kinds of stuff all on thick cardstock. They kinda sound the Exploited with a good thick heaviness, a clean driving yet thick metallic guitar sound, and growl vocals that remind me of Watty, well just a bit. The second vocal track has a throaty growling style which fits into the deep thick pummeling sound of this gritty dirty punk band. I like what I hear. 500 copies pressed, this one is on red. (\$4/The Skuds Manor 804 Ellis St. Apt 8/Augusta GA 30901) (-Chris)

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also some Chrismphine influence in this but what DIY pop punk band these days doesn't have that. The music is really bass driven with a lot of bass fills which sounds really good. I guess they have a lot of silly lyrics. This is pretty OK but their cover of White Christmas doesn't exactly end the record on a high note. Thermon Mermon. (1015 Potter St/Bellingham, WA 98229/dranganachor@gmail.com) (European)

THIN THE HERO - MOURNFUL AND OVERCAST LP I knew from the first second I saw them live that this was a favorite band, and they have continued to prove that with this new LP release that is absolutely amazing! Just the way I like it, they play the dark punk, combining raging metallic riffs, pummeling drums with weaving melodic guitars just to keep this in balance. It's delivered with that pitch and style that makes me swoon and feel all triumphant. Actually it just makes me smile (as I swoon) cause this is dead on how I like my punk. Dual female and male vocals, deliver the dark themepal apocalyptic punk about the bleakness of society, nationality, consumerism, consumption and destruction. But again, I see the hope in all this bleakness. Shit damn, this is so good it makes me insane! I know I rave about favorite bands all the time, but this is really the deal here! These Chicago kids have absolutely kicked my ass in half - creating the most perfect metallic driven punk raging desolation pummeling tragic punk of lortay. Fucking fuck yeah already!!!! (I am not positive that this is the label that put out, cause it's not printed on the sleeve, but they also did the No Slogan EP, so at the very least they can get ya going in the right direction!) (A Wrench in the Gears/PO Box 476903/Chicago IL 60647) (-Chris) *****

THINGS FALL APART - CD This CD is all hand-made: silk-screened on a fold-out cardstock cover with stickers and lyrics and such inside. It's the kind of packaging that totally appeals to me, but these days you really never know what sound or genre you're in for. I was pleasantly surprised to find this to be a great mix of hardcore punk that ranges from the discordant, to heavy, from the screamo to the catchy and melodic. All totally solid, full of energy, and super fucking good. The diversity is great and the combination works so well. It was one of my favorite CDs this time

around though it tends to be much more on the melodic emo/hardcore tip of the late 90s than I normally go hog wild over. A nice refreshing change of pace though. (Crustacean Records/PO Box 829/Madison WI 53701 / www.dirtnaprecords.com) (-Chris)

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UNCURBED FAMILY - WELCOME TO ANARCHO CITY CD I guess the name change is official, but nevertheless that the punks are back! 18 more songs. Swedish DBeat hardcore superpunk. Totally wasted and borderline insane. That should be all the review you need. But instead I'll tell you that there are no lyrics included, but I'll tell you that the first three tracks are: "Welcome To Anarchy City," "Divorced From Life," and "The Whore Needs More." Is that enough info? No? Well how about the relentless DBeat drum assault and the wailing guitar solos that will make even the most serious Swede-o-phile weep? What about how they sing about The Anarchy Party...and actually LIVED said party every night on tour (though perhaps not entirely by choice... "snicker snicker")? If that doesn't sell you, then you wouldn't like this anyway. It rules. (Sound Pollution, PO Box 17742, Covington, KY 41017, www.sound-pollution.com) (-Robert)

UNITED STATES - DIVORCE SONGS CD: The United States is what happens when a bunch of dudes from New York punk bands decide that they want to play a post-punk band. The United States has people from Ringers, Bent Outta Shape, and The Assistant. I think I like those bands better, but maybe if you like your punk rock a little more post-punk, then this is for you. The press release compares it to Fugazi or Sister-era Sonic Youth. I guess I kinda see that, but not exactly. (Iron Pier, P.O. Box 279, East Setauket, NY 11733/www.ironpier.net) (-Irit)

VA - ANTI DISCO LEAGUE Vol.1 CD Phil from The Templars hand-picked some of the best Oi bands from all over the globe into one great release. In a scene that has strayed from the mainstream, this thing is packed with some no-nonsense street rock n roll! No mallrat punk... No strategic product placement or endorsements... Just 16 anthems from the bands that are keeping this often ignored scene alive. The Templars make another great song for this, as well as APA, CounterAttack, Devilskins, and many more. The hills are STILL alive with the sounds of Oi! The only thing I would have liked to had was more info/lyrics from the bands... other than that it is flawless. (TKO/Temple Combe Records, 8941 Atlanta Ave, Suite 505, Huntington Beach, CA 92646 www.tkorecords.com) (Dave)

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stand that it's back in circulation, both on LP and CD. They're released it to start "Free To Kill" to simply every guitar lick on the "Rip It Up" record, VX are walking with intensity and gang vocals. Great introduction from the band about the dedication of the kids in Asia that have been in touch with the, and there is really an awesome scene down there that was stoked to get these kids down here (as evidenced by VX's Jakarta gig to over 2,000 people). (Delusion Of Terror, 299 Bintong, Plaridel, Bulacan 3004 PHILIPPINES, www.lakefourcollective.com) (-Robert)

WALLS OF JERICHO - ALL HAIL THE DEAD CD I've been trying to hear this band for ages as well, but again (like Most Precious Blood) they just have been one step off my radar, playing to a more hardcore audience that I guess I tend to be these days. But I've read interviews in fanzines and was really interested in this band because there seemed to be a lot of thought and substance behind this band, and I was also pretty interested to hear the female vocals. Their sound is heavy ultra powerful metallic hardcore. They're got the machine gun styled drums and the start stop guitar that accentuate the blasts. You can feel the mosh pit frenzy in front of you created by this kind of pissed off chugga chugga. I just love that it's fronted by female vocals cause that's unusual and her voice is rad and the lyrics have the depth that I expected, shedding a new perspective to the testosterone hardcore world. As one who has loved chugga heavy hardcore for years, it's nice to hear a band that I can get excited about and feel behind again. I love it! (www.trustkill.com) (-Chris)


WARTORN - IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, SON AND THE HOLY WAR CD This is dark political hardcore crust punk. Wisconsin style, from members of Words that Burn. Playing in a State of Fear style of gnarled, distorted and raging nihilism. Gritty and pummeling and full of anger. This recording is a 3 piece, they've added a second guitar, so I imagine they will only get more crushing. Solid shit. (Crimes Against Humanity/PO Box 142/V Eau Claire WI 54703 / www.cahrecords.com) (-Chris)

WHOREHOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - DISCOGRAPHY 1993-1999 2XLP I was so impressed to see this massive project of everything this Seattle punk band did. Usually I think that discographies work better (for me) on CD, but this vinyl gatefold feels much better to hold. So WOR were from Seattle, existed in the mid 90s, put out a ton of records and toured a bunch, and made their mark. You now probably know Michelle from worked at Havoc in Mpls and touring with tons of other bands... but she was the singer in this band and it was one of the things that made me like them so much. Mid 90s political punk was so good. It was a fresh time and great things were happening. In retrospect, I can say that they played with no gimmicks or bullshit - no sub genre, just raging punk rock with dual straight forward vocals. Great fucking stuff. This is put together really nicely and I recommend it to everyone, whether you knew them then or not... it stands the test of time easily!!! ((Un-yellman Records/PO Box 417/V Seattle WA 98194-0171 / www.worldsource.com/unyellman / Inimical Records/PO Box 2803/Seattle WA 98111 / www.inimical.com) (-Chris) ****

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THE MODERN MACHINES - TAKE IT, SOME-BODY CD: The Modern Machines are among my top ten bands that I listen to all the time right now. I was totally stoked to see their new record in my review bag this month. They play really great. Replacements-style power-pop, but they trick it out for the punk rock basement show. They have all the punch and the musical talent, but they've left most of the gloss off of their finish, thereby stiffening up their street cred. I think this is their fourth record in like three years. That's pretty impressive. They're touring like mad, so go check them out if you haven't yet. (Dirtnap Records, 2615 SE Clinton St., Portland, OR 97202/www.dirtnaprecords.com) - tnt

THE SCARE - SNAKES AMONG SAINTS CDEP: The Scare are evil. Their songs are about the devil, coffins, death, fear, and blood. The funny thing about their music though, is that it doesn't sound evil at all. It's really kind of poppy and melodic. Think Strike Anywhere, only evil instead of political. I think that's sort of cool. (Lawncare Records, P.O. Box 250, Amissville, VA 20106/www.lawncarerecords.com) - tnt

THE SKUDS - ABSURD 7" This is the thickest 7" packaged sleeve ever. There's inserts and posters and all kinds of stuff all on thick cardstock. They kinda sound the Exploited with a good thick heaviness, a clean driving yet thick metallic guitar sound, and gruff vocals that remind me of Watty, well just a bit. The second vocalist through has a throaty growling style which fits into the deep thick pummeling sound of this gritty dirty punk band. I like what I hear. 500 copies pressed, this one is on red. (\$4/The Skuds Manor/804 Ellis St. Apt B/Augusta GA 30901) (-Chris)

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Four new songs with the new and improved Imperial Leather line-up (Stockholm's finest, since 2000), playing their hallmark style rip-roaring punk rock'n'roll that's catchy as all hell. If you are still not enlightened, IMPERIAL LEATHER are ex-members of such legendary bands like NO SECURITY, DS-13, etc. with Amyl of the infamous NYC all female outfit SPIDER CUNTS on lead vocals and in your face attitude. They have just completed their third US tour, during which this EP was released, and are now jetting back to Sweden, fired up for the next release and another round of adventures. First 200 MAILORDERS get Green / Black splatter vinyl (while they last)! \$3 + postage.

TODAY'S OVERDOSE self-titled 7"

WOLFBRIEGADE wasn't even cold in the grave yet, when four of the five members (plus help from a friend) decided to form this new project. While they still bust out the occasional d-beat references, TODAY'S OVERDOSE brings a classic North American hardcore sound into the mix (think POISON IDEA, classic D.O.A., etc.), but with all the power and fury of their former band. In their own words, this is how TODAY'S OVERDOSE describe their debut EP: "We're a hardcore punk band from Stockholm and Gothenburg. We started 2004/2005 when our old band broke up, a band that had been going since 1995. Everyone from the old band except the bassplayer decided to continue to play music together so we added our friend Johan on bass. We are writing songs for our first album right now. A three-song appetizer 7" should be out sometime early next year." This is a joint release with Wasted Sounds (Sweden). \$3 + post.

WITCH HUNT Blood-Red States LP/CD

After a move to Philadelphia and bolstering their sound with a second guitar, WITCH HUNT offer up their second full length release on Profane Existence. Ten anger-packed tracks, each taking a stab at the current repressive social and political climate. Musically they build on their previous sound, combining elements of traditional anarcho punk with more modern crust, and male/female vocals. The most noticeable difference is the much more powerful sound, likened to TRAGEDY and FROM ASHES RISE, achieved by Rob moving from drums to second guitar and adding a new drummer. Both musically and politically, this is one of the more powerful releases in recent memory. WITCH HUNT just completed a seven week North American tour and will be heading across the pond for a European tour later in '06. Mailorder copies get red vinyl (while they last!) LP is \$8 / CD is \$7

ASS Sink CDEP

Five new tracks from the snottiest DIY punk band in Minneapolis, whose message screams we're proud to be different, proud to Queer and be proud of being non-conformist. Musically they play raw punk rock that would have fit in well with early 90's East Bay bands such as BLATZ and FILTH, playing rousing scream-along anthems. Four of the songs are originals, while the final song is an appropriate cover of FAGGATRON's classic Ass-Kick-a-Tron. ASS have been active in the Minneapolis punk scene for the past several years and active in the local homocore movement. Aside from venturing out to suburban venues where other Minneapolis bands rarely go, they have also self-released their first 12"/CD, and host one of the largest DIY punk message boards in the Twin Cities on their web site. NEWS! ASS declared best new band of 2006 by our local weekly, The City Pages! Vinyl coming sooner or later. CDEP is \$3 plus postage.

KRIGSHOT Till Vilket Pris Som Helst CD/LP

Just when you thought D-beat punk couldn't get any better, along comes KRIGSHOT with seventeen new songs to raise the bar once again! In conjunction with Communichaos Media, we are proud to offer up the fifth and greatest full length release (the title means "At Any Cost") from these modern-day Swedish hardcore legends. Formed in 1997 Jallo (MEANWHILE, TOTALITÄR, etc) and Anders and Mieszko (NASUM) as a "low-key project," they have recorded some of the most brutal music to come out of the modern day Swedish hardcore scene. For this new recording, they have recruited Björn of DISFEAR on bass duties and Poffen of TOTALITÄR on vocals, giving a more punk edge to the vocals, in contrast to Mieszko's more hardcore style on previous recordings. Released by Communichaos Media (Sweden) LP: \$8 / CD \$7

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